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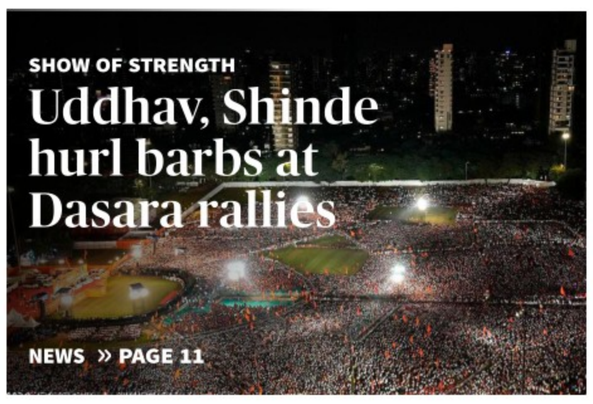

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## CBI rules Paresh Mesta's death was not murder, files closure report

**The Hindu Bureau**
BENGALURU

The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has filed a "B Report" in the alleged murder of Paresh Mesta, a 18-year-old from Honnavar whose death in December 2017 had become a communal and political flashpoint, with the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) alleging that he was murdered by Muslim groups "protected by the Congress."

**No evidence**

Sources said the CBI has cited the postmortem report and forensic reports in the case to argue that there is no evidence to suggest assault or foul play in the death of Paresh Mesta.

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# Will listen to Kashmiris, not Pakistan, says Shah

Elections will be held in J&K; the Delimitation Commission has ensured that real representatives come to power, he says and tells regional leaders to look at PoK to understand Kashmir's progress

**Peerzada Ashiq**
BARAMULLA

Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Wednesday lambasted the Gupkar Alliance in his public speech here and said he "will listen and talk to people of the Kashmir Valley and not Pakistan".

"They [the Gupkar Alliance] want me to talk to Pakistan. I want to talk to the people of the Valley. They want me to listen to Pakistan, I want to listen to people. Prime Minister Narendra Modi will not accept terrorism and will uproot it from Jammu & Kashmir. PM Modi has almost freed Jammu & Kashmir of terrorism," Mr. Shah told a large gathering here in north Kashmir.

**Reaching out:** Union Home Minister Amit Shah at a rally in Baramulla district of north Kashmir on Wednesday. NISSAR AHMAD

He said elections in Jammu and Kashmir would follow the process of finalisation of electoral rolls. "Elections will be held. The J&K Delimitation Commission has ensured that real representatives come to power," he added.

Mr. Shah said the regional leaders should see the level of development in Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK). "There is no electricity, no water and no hospitals. In Kashmir, every village is electrified. Kashmir was a hotspot of terrorism but it is now a hotspot of tourism. From mere six lakh tourists visiting a year, Kashmir till October has witnessed 22 lakh tourists," he added.

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### Regional parties criticise speech

**SRINAGAR**

Regional parties have reacted sharply to Amit Shah's speech. "Amit Shah*ji* says 'Gupkar model gave us Pulwama attack'. It happened when J&K was under the Central rule, said National Conference leader Omar Abdullah.

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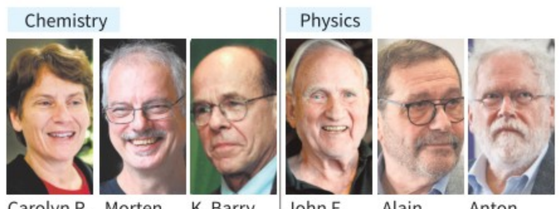
## Nobel for work on 'click chemistry' and quantum mechanics

And the winners are...

A look at the pair of scientist trios who won the Nobel prizes in Chemistry and Physics




**Reuters**
STOCKHOLM

Scientists Carolyn R. Bertozzi, Morten Meldal and K. Barry Sharpless won the 2022 Nobel Prize in Chemistry on Wednesday for discovering reactions that let molecules snap together to create desired compounds and that offer insight into cell biology.

It came a day after Alain Aspect, John F. Clauser and Anton Zeilinger won the prize in physics for their advances in quantum mechanics on the behaviour of subatomic particles, opening the door to work on super computers and encrypted communication.

Americans Ms. Bertozzi and Mr. Sharpless, together with Denmark's Mr. Meldal, were honoured "for the development of click chemistry and bioorthogonal chemistry".

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### 'How were sewers linked to SWDs?'

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The High Court ordered further probe in a criminal case to find out how the RDPR Department or any other authorities allowed connecting an UGD from a residential layout to storm-water drains in Anekal of Bengaluru Urban district.

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**HASSAN**

Three elephants have died in the last 10 days in the Malnad region allegedly due to electrocution, raising concern.

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## *Grand finale*

**Curtains down:** People in large numbers turned up to watch 'Jamboo Savari' in which elephant Abhimanyu, flanked by Kaveri and Chaitra, carried the idol of Goddess Chamundeshwari during the last day of the Mysuru Dasara celebrations on Wednesday. M.A. SRIRAM (PAGE 2)

# Shortage of drivers puts 900 BMTC buses off the roads in Bengaluru

**The Hindu Bureau**
BENGALURU

Despite having a fleet size of 6,798 buses, the Bangalore Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTC) is able to run only around 5,600. There is scope to run an additional 900 buses on a daily basis, but a shortage of drivers has halted those plans.

In 2013-14, the BMTC had a fleet size of 6,775 buses and the staff strength was 36,079. At present the corporation has almost the same fleet size (6,798), however the staff size has reduced to 29,726.

After the outbreak of the pandemic, the State government had directed the BMTC not to go for recruitment of drivers, as one of the measures to reduce the financial burden. Instead, the BMTC was asked to outsource drivers on a contractual basis. The corporation is still buying time to fill vacancies.

BMTC buses at Kempegowda bus stand. FILE PHOTO

As per officials, there is a shortage of over 5,000 drivers. "There has been no recruitment of drivers for a long time resulting in the shortage. This has obviously resulted in a reduced number of services. Shortage of staff is also taking a toll on the drivers as they have to work more to cover peak hours. At the same time, the fleet remains underutilised. During pre-COVID-19 times, a bus used to cover 210 km, but now it has been reduced to 150 km," an official said.

It is said that when compared to pre-COVID-19, due to staff shortage, the corporation is not in a position to run over 500 schedules of services (around 5,000 trips).

Sources said that the last regular recruitment was in 2018 and over the years, hundreds of staff had retired from service. More than 1,000 staff, including drivers, conductors, and other, had opted for inter-corporation transfers also. Sources said that over 500 are in the provisional list of transfers this year.

For over two years, the AC bus fleet of the corporation has remained underutilised. The BMTC has a fleet size of 860-odd buses, out of which over 400 are not being used. "We are unable to run the AC buses despite the demand. On the other hand, exorbitant fuel prices make it financially infeasible to run these buses."

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## NEWS IN NUMBERS

### U.S. sends additional military aid to war-torn Ukraine

**625** In $ million, the amount of additional military aid the United States is providing Ukraine, a package that includes additional advanced rocket systems credited with helping the country's military gain momentum in its war with Russia. President Joe Biden provided details on the latest package in a call with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy. AP

### Elon Musk bids to buy Twitter again at the original price

**54.2** In $, is the amount per share at which Twitter intends to close its transaction with billionaire Tesla CEO Elon Musk. This was in response to Musk proposing to buy the company again, at the originally agreed-on price of $44 billion, bringing the tumultuous, months long saga another step closer to a conclusion. AP

### Airstike kills camp sheltering those displaced by war

**50** The number of people killed in an airstrike that hit a school in northern Ethiopia's Tigray region. The school was sheltering people, displaced by conflict between the federal and regional governments, and two aid workers, Tigray forces said. The air strike in the town of Adi Daero appears to be one of the deadliest strikes carried out during the nearly two-year war. Reuters

### A rise in India's sugar exports leads to flow of foreign currency

**57** The percentage by which India's sugar exports rose to 109.8 lakh tonne during the 2021-22 marketing year ended September, resulting in foreign currency inflow worth about ₹40,000 crore into the country, according to the government. Sugarcane arrears to farmers stood at only ₹6,000 crore at the end of the 2021-22 marketing year (October-September). PTI

### NASA smashes asteroid, leaving behind a glittering trail

**10,000** In kms, is the length of the trail left by an asteroid which was deliberately smashed by NASA's Dart spacecraft. The trail of debris was captured by a telescope in Chile. The DART spacecraft intentionally crashed into Dimorphos, the asteroid moonlet of Didymos, on September 26. PTI

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# The criterion for SC status

Why are Dalit Christians and Dalit Muslims excluded from the Constitution (Scheduled Castes) Order of 1950? On what basis were Dalit Sikhs and Dalit Buddhists added to the Order in 1956 and 1990 respectively?

EXPLAINER

Abhinay Lakshman

**The story so far:**
The Supreme Court of India has sought the most recent position of the Union government on a batch of petitions challenging the Constitution (Scheduled Castes) Order of 1950, which allows only members of Hindu, Sikh and Buddhist religions to be recognised as SCs.

**Who all are included in the Constitution Order of 1950?**
When enacted, the Constitution (Scheduled Castes) Order of 1950, initially provided for recognising only Hindus as SCs, to address the social disability arising out of the practice of untouchability. The Order was amended in 1956 to include Dalits who had converted to Sikhism and once more in 1990 to include Dalits who had converted to Buddhism. Both amendments were aided by the reports of the Kaka Kalelkar Commission in 1955 and the High Powered Panel (HPP) on Minorities, Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in 1983 respectively. On the other hand, the Union government in 2019 rejected the possibility of including Dalit Christians as members of SCs, rooting the exclusion on an Imperial Order of 1936 of the then colonial government, which had first classified a list of the Depressed Classes and specifically excluded "Indian Christians" from it.

**Why are Dalit Christians excluded?**
Ever since the amendment to include Sikhs as SCs in 1956, the Office of the Registrar General of India (RGI) has been reluctant in expanding the ambit of the Order beyond members of Hinduism or Sikhism. Responding to the Ministry of Home Affairs's (MHA) 1978 request for an opinion on the inclusion of Dalit Buddhists and Christians, the RGI had cautioned the government that SC status is meant for communities suffering from social disabilities arising out of the practice of untouchability, which it noted was prevalent in Hindu and Sikh communities. It also noted that such a move would significantly swell the population of SCs across the country. However, the amendment to include Buddhist converts as SCs was passed in 1990, which at the time did not require the approval of the RGI – a mandate introduced in the rules for inclusion framed in 1999. In 2001, when the RGI again opined against including Dalit Christians and Muslims as SCs, it referred to its 1978 note and added that like Dalit Buddhists, Dalits who converted to Islam or Christianity belonged to different sets of caste groups and not just one, as a result of which they cannot be categorised as a "single ethnic group", which is required by Clause (2) of Article 341 for inclusion. Moreover, the RGI opined that since the practice of "untouchability" was a feature of Hindu religion and its branches, allowing the inclusion of Dalit Muslims and Dalit Christians as SCs could result in being "misunderstood internationally" as India trying to "impose its caste system" upon Christians and Muslims. The 2001 note also stated that Christians and Muslims of Dalit origin had lost their caste identity by way of their conversion and that in their new religious community, the practice of untouchability is not prevalent.

**Toward representation:** Dalit Christians staging a protest in Dindigul, Tamil Nadu, on August 9 seeking inclusion in the Scheduled Castes list. KARTHIKEYAN G

**Is there a case for inclusion?**
The petitions arguing for inclusion have cited several independent Commission reports that have documented the existence of caste and caste inequalities among Indian Christians and Indian Muslims, noting that even after conversion, members who were originally from SCs continued to experience the same social disabilities. This was substantiated in the First Backward Classes Commission's report in 1953, the Report of the Committee on Untouchability Economic and Educational Development Of the Scheduled Castes in 1969, the HPP report on SCs, STs, and Minorities in 1983, the Mandal Commission Report, the report of the Prime Minister's High-Level Committee formed in 2006, a 2008 study conducted by the National Commission for Minorities, the Ranganath Misra Commission Report and several other studies. In addition to this, the petitions have argued against the proposition that caste identity is lost upon conversion, noting that even in Sikhism and Buddhism, casteism is not present and yet they have been included as SCs. Furthermore, the above-mentioned reports argue that caste-based discrimination continues even after conversion, hence entitling these communities to SC status. However, the Union government refuses to accept the reports of the Commissions on the basis that these reports do not have enough empirical evidence to support their claims. Advocate Franklin Ceasar Thomas, who represents some Dalit Christian bodies, said that, "Such empirical evidence did not exist for including Sikh or Buddhist converts either and yet they were included as SCs in 1956 and 1990 respectively."

### THE GIST

The Supreme Court of India has sought the most recent position of the Union government on a batch of petitions challenging the Constitution (Scheduled Castes) Order of 1950, which allows only members of Hindu, Sikh and Buddhist religions to be recognised as Scheduled Castes.

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# What is the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code?

Why did Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman say that the IBC is losing its sheen? Is the IBC able to keep companies afloat by resolutions through re-structuring and mergers?

Diksha Munjal

**The story so far:**
Speaking at the sixth anniversary of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI) on October 1, Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said that the country could not afford to lose the "sheen" of its insolvency law, the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC). Addressing the issue of haircuts – or the debt that banks forgo – she said it was unacceptable that banks should take a hefty haircut on loans that go through the resolution process.

**What is the IBC?**
In a growing economy, a healthy credit flow and generation of new capital are essential, and when a company or business turns insolvent or "sick", it begins to default on its loans. In order for credit to not get stuck in the system or turn into bad loans, it is important that banks or creditors are able to recover as much as possible from the defaulter, as quickly as they can.

In 2016, at a time when India's Non-Performing Assets and debt defaults were piling up, and older loan recovery mechanisms were performing badly, the IBC was introduced to overhaul the corporate distress resolution regime in India and consolidate previously available laws to create a time-bound mechanism with a creditor-in-control model as opposed to the debtor-in-possession system. When insolvency is triggered under the IBC, there can be just two outcomes: resolution or liquidation.

**What are the challenges for the IBC?**
According to its regulator IBBI, the first objective of the IBC is resolution – finding a way to save a business through restructuring, change in ownership, mergers etc. The second objective is to maximise the value of assets of the corporate debtor while the third is to promote entrepreneurship, availability of credit, and balancing of interests. Keeping this order in mind, when one looks at the IBBI data for the 3,400 cases admitted under the IBC in the last six years, more than 50% of the cases ended in liquidation, and only 14% could find a proper resolution. Furthermore, the IBC was touted as a time-bound mechanism. Timeliness is key here so that the viability of the business or the value of its assets does not deteriorate further. The IBC was thus initially given a 180-day deadline to complete the resolution process, with a permitted 90-day extension. It was later amended to make the total timeline for completion 330 days – which is almost a year. However, in FY22, it took 772 days to resolve cases involving companies that owed more than ₹1,000 crore. The average number of days it took to resolve such cases increased rapidly over the past five years, experts said. When we come to haircuts – the debt foregone by the lender as a share of the outstanding claim – the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Finance pointed out in 2021, that in the five years of the IBC, creditors on an average had to bear an 80% haircut in more than 70% of the cases. As per *The Hindu* Data Team, in close to 33 of 85 companies so far that owed more than ₹1,000 crore, lenders had to take above 90% haircuts. In case of the resolution of the Videocon Group for instance, creditors bore a haircut of 95.3%.

**What are experts saying?**
In order to address the delays, the Parliamentary Standing Committee suggested that the time taken to admit the insolvency application and transfer control of the company to a resolution process, should not be more than 30 days after filing. The IBBI has also called for a new yardstick to measure haircuts. It suggested that haircuts not be looked at as the difference between the creditor's claims and the actual amount realised but as the difference between what the company brings along when it enters IBC and the value realised.

### THE GIST

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The IBC was introduced in 2016 to consolidate previously available laws to create a time-bound mechanism with a creditor-in-control model as opposed to the debtor-in-possession system. When insolvency is triggered under the IBC, there can be just two outcomes: resolution or liquidation, with the former being the preferred solution.

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# Last days of Dasara leave behind piles of garbage on streets

In many commercial areas in the city, unsold plantain stems, ash gourds, flowers, and garlands were left to rot on the roads

**The Hindu Bureau**
BENGALURU

The uncleared garbage after Ayudha Puja in Bengaluru on Wednsday. SUDHAKARA JAIN

The festive spirit was high in the city on Tuesday and Wednesday as grand-scale celebrations of Ayudha Puja and Vijayadashami marked a comeback. Along with over 100 Durga pandals, decorated buildings, vehicles, BMTC buses, and other cultural events were a common sight on Tuesday and Wednesday. However, the full-fledged celebrations also left behind heaps of wet waste on the streets.

In many commercial areas in the city, including K.R. Market, Yeshwanthpur, Gandhi Bazaar, Hebbal, and Shivaji Nagar, unsold plantain stems, ash gourds, flowers, and garlands were left to rot on roads.

Even in residential areas, broken ash gourds, lemons, and flower garlands were dumped in vacant sites or street corners.

According to officials of the Solid Waste Management (SWM) wing of the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP), at least an additional thousand tonnes of waste is generated in the city.

"On normal days, around 4.5 to 5 thousand tonnes of waste are generated and it goes up by 20 to 30% during the festivals. The area around the temple in Banashankari is at the top of the list, among places where large quantities of waste are generated during these festivals," said Parashuram Shinnalkar, Joint Commissioner, SWM, BBMP.

He added that teams were already at different locations clearing up the garbage and that within two days they would be done clearing almost all of the festive waste.

Devotees got out on the streets on Wednesday to bid adieu to the Durga idols which were kept within pandals for Navaratri. Long processions accompanied by dance performances and firecrackers led the idols to the BBMP designated lakes for immersion. Long queues were observed near Ulsoor lake where most of the immersions took place.

With attractive offers and shoppers' enthusiasm, businesses had a good festive season this time, after taking a two-year hit due to the pandemic. At many home appliance stores, with various brands offering discounts, the sales of electrical appliances, especially mixers, refrigerators, and washing machines, saw an uptick in the last eight to 10 days.

Textile traders reported that although business was not completely back to the pre-pandemic levels, they are hopeful that it will pick up going forward.

"We have seen a lot of activity during the festival. Monsoon sales have picked up and by Deepavali, we are hoping to see pre-pandemic level business. Even after that, the run might continue till Christmas and New Year," said Sajjan Raj Mehta, trade activist.

## Two fear drowned during idol immersion

**The Hindu Bureau**
BENGALURU

Two people are feared to have drowned, when they swam along with a Durga idol into a lake at Kengeri to immerse it on Wednesday.

The victims have been identified as Somesh, 21, and Jeethu, 22, from Maharashtra. They, along with Ratan Ram and two others, took the idol to Sunakalpalya lake in Kengeri on Wednesday evening.

When Somesh and Jeethu were nowhere to be found after the immersion, the others informed the police.

The Kengeri police alerted the Fire and Emergency Services personnel, who initiated a search operation and called it off later owing to bad light.

## Documenting Dasara jumbos

**The Hindu Bureau**
MYSURU

A slice of Mysuru Dasara could be featured as part of a larger project on Asian Elephants and their status being published by the National Geographic.

Photographer Brent Stirton, who has been featured in leading international publications, was in Mysuru photographing the proceedings unfolding at the Amba Vilas Palace. But his prime focus was on the elephants which are intrinsic to the Dasara festival.

## *Curtains for Mysuru Dasara*

**Colourful end:** Some of the folk and cultural troupes that took part in the Vijayadashami procession in Mysuru on Wednesday. A grand Dasara finale unfolded, as a sea of humanity watched the Jamboo Savari, marking the end of 'Naada Habba' celebrations. With this, the 10-day cultural extravaganza of Mysuru Dasara came to a close. M.A. SRIRAM

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# The impossible trinity: how the free movement of capital comes with a cost

According to economists, an economy cannot pursue independent monetary policy, maintain a fixed exchange rate, and allow the free flow of capital across its borders at the same time. They will have to choose between keeping domestic demand or maintaining a stable currency

**Prashanth Perumal J**

The impossible trinity, or the trilemma, refers to the idea that an economy cannot pursue independent monetary policy, maintain a fixed exchange rate, and allow the free flow of capital across its borders at the same time. According to economists, any economy can choose to pursue only two out of the three policy options noted above simultaneously in the long-run. The idea was proposed independently by Canadian economist Robert Mundell and British economist Marcus Fleming in the early 1960s.

**A difficult choice**

Practically speaking, in today's world in which capital is largely free to move across borders with ease, the choice before policymakers is between maintaining a fixed exchange rate and pursuing independent monetary policy. If policymakers choose to peg or maintain the value of their currency at a certain level against a foreign currency, this decision will limit the kind of monetary policy they can adopt in the long-run. This is because the decision to peg the exchange value of the currency can tie down the hands of central bankers when it comes to their domestic monetary policy stance. For example, if a country's policymakers want their currency to appreciate, or become stronger, against foreign currencies, they cannot achieve this goal and maintain the external strength of the currency over a considerable period of time without adopting a tight domestic monetary policy stance which will weaken domestic demand. This is because loose monetary policy will put pressure on the country's currency to depreciate in value. Thus, policymakers will have to choose between maintaining the strength of their currency and upholding nominal demand in the domestic economy which is heavily influenced by monetary policy.

On the other hand, if policymakers of a country choose to pursue independent monetary policy, they may not be able to maintain the foreign exchange value of their currency at a desired peg. This is because the kind of monetary policy adopted by an economy's central bank invariably influences the exchange value of its currency against foreign currencies. For example, if a country's central bank adopts easy monetary policy with the aim of boosting domestic demand, this will naturally cause the value of its currency to depreciate against foreign currencies if foreign central banks adopt tighter monetary policy.

If so, it would be difficult to maintain the foreign exchange value of the currency unless the central bank holds sufficient foreign exchange reserves to prop up the currency's value. In fact, over the long-run, it may be impossible for the country's central bank to defend the foreign exchange value of its currency as it may soon run out of the foreign exchange reserves necessary to prop up the value of its currency.

**Restricting movement**

It should be noted that only a few decades ago, when strict capital controls were used to regulate the flow of capital across borders, economies could choose to pursue independent monetary policy and still hope to maintain a certain exchange value against foreign currencies. Whenever monetary policy exerted an undesirable effect on the currency's exchange rate, policymakers could impose controls on the flow of capital to maintain the foreign exchange value of their currency.

For example, if a country's central bank decides that it wants to adopt easy monetary policy that could weaken the exchange value of its currency, it could impose capital controls to stop the depreciation of its currency. It should be noted, however, that capital controls come at a price. They hinder the free flow of capital and adversely affect economic growth by preventing the efficient allocation of scarce resources across the globe.

**Current trilemma**

The trilemma has come under focus recently as the U.S. Federal Reserve has been raising interest rates to fight rising prices. In a world where capital is largely free to move across borders, this has led many investors to pull money out of the rest of the world and rush to the U.S. in search of higher yields, thus putting pressure on many currencies such as the Indian rupee. In fact, even developed markets like Japan and the Eurozone have seen their currencies depreciate significantly against the U.S. dollar. Notably Japan, in contrast to other national central banks, has been unwilling to tighten its monetary policy in response to rising interest rates in the U.S. This has caused the Japanese currency, the Yen, to depreciate about 25% against the U.S. dollar so far this year. In essence, the Bank of Japan has allowed its currency to fall, preferring to maintain control over its domestic monetary policy.

The Reserve Bank of India may also face the dilemma of choosing between maintaining the value of the rupee and holding on to its monetary policy independence. As the U.S. Federal Reserve has raised interest rates, there has been increasing pressure on the rupee, which has depreciated almost 10% against the U.S. dollar this year. For now, the RBI seems to be fairly happy tightening its monetary policy stance to defend the rupee as it also helps to rein in price rise which has been a concern even in India. But if the U.S. Federal Reserve continues to tighten its policy stance even after price rise in India is reined in by the RBI, then the Indian central bank may have to choose between defending the rupee and upholding domestic demand.

FROM THE ARCHIVES

## *Know your English*

What's the difference between 'He is not an actor' and 'He is no actor', sir?"

" 'He is not an actor' is the negative of 'He is an actor'. It is a matter-of-fact statement. Is he an actor? No, he is not an actor. 'He is no actor' means that whatever else he may be, he is not an actor. It is not a matter-of-fact statement. It tells the person's attitude to the actor. Listen to this dialogue and see if you can notice the difference.

"Raj is a poet, isn't he?

"No, he is not a poet"

"Ram is a novelist, isn't he?"

"He is trying hard but he is no novelist"

A person may be writing novels but when you say 'He is no novelist', you express your attitude to his work. It states emphatically that he is not at all good at writing novels. I hope you understand."

"Yes, sir. Sir, what's the difference between 'behaviour' and 'conduct'?"

"*He behaves well in the company of his superiors.*

*His behaviour at the meeting was atrocious.*

'Behaviour' is the way people generally conduct themselves. The word is used of animals and things also. Some can predict rain by observing the behaviour of sheep. He is studying the behaviour of iron under stress. 'Conduct' is also behaviour, but it has a connotation of moral responsibility. Conduct is behaviour 'in its moral aspect'. You dismiss a person for bad conduct. Conduct suggests certain principles for judging behaviour. You are asked to produce a 'conduct certificate' and not a 'behaviour certificate'. 'No animal's behaviour is controlled by moral principles. Generally speaking animals do not rise from behaviour to conduct'."

"Sir, is it correct to say 'I assure you to study regularly ?"

"No. It should be 'I assure you that I'll study regularly'.

*I assured him that I would help him.*

*I assure you that I'll meet him tomorrow.*

*I assure you that I have given a true account of what happened.*

*I assured him that all was well.*

So don't say 'I assure you to go'. It should be 'I assure you that I'll go'. I hope it is clear now. Well, let's call it a day. Goodbye."

"Thank you, sir. Goodbye."

THE DAILY QUIZ

Please send in your answers to dailyquiz@thehindu.co.in

## The Nobel Prize in Literature will be announced on October 6, 2022. Here is a quiz on some of the famous Nobel laureates in literature from across the world

**QUESTION 1**

He was an English novelist, short-story writer, poet, and journalist, and is known for his books for children. He is the youngest recipient to date to have received the prize, at 41. Name the winner.

**QUESTION 2**

He was one of the key figures in the philosophy of existentialism, and is one of the two people who declined the prize. Identify the winner.

**QUESTION 3**

This book chronicles the decline of a wealthy German merchant family over the course of four generations. This was the author's first novel, and the work that eventually led to a Nobel Prize. Name the book and the author.

**QUESTION 4**

The Swedish Academy's decision to award Sully Prudhomme the first Nobel Prize in Literature was heavily criticised at the time and remains one of the most criticised prize decisions in the history of the Nobel Prize in literature. Many believed this author should have been awarded the first Nobel Prize in literature instead. Name the author.

**QUESTION 5**

The author was the oldest person ever to receive the Nobel Prize in Literature, at 88. Name the author.

**QUESTION 6**

The 1993 Nobel Prize in Literature was awarded to Toni Morrison. Morrison became the second American woman to win the prize since Pearl S. Buck in 1938. What is the other ceiling the author broke upon winning the Prize?

**QUESTION 7**

Some of this author's works are set in the fictional village of Macondo. The author's Nobel lecture was called 'The Solitude of Latin America'. Name the author.

**Visual question:**

Identify this author. Name his breakthrough novel that concerns the absurdity of life, a theme he returns to in other books as well.

**Questions (abridged) and Answers to the previous day's daily quiz:** 1. On Dussehra, this statue (effigy) is burnt. **Ans: Ravana**

2. Ravana is believed to be an expert in this musical instrument. **Ans: Veena (Rudra Veena)**

3. According to the Ramayana, this weapon was used by Lord Rama to kill Ravana in the battle fought at Lanka. **Ans: Brahmastra**

4. The Ramayana, which is the epic that revolves around Lord Ram is told in a play format which is called this. **Ans: Ram Leela**

5. This place in India observes the Mega Dussehra festival observed in the month of October in the Dhalpur Maidan. **Ans: Kullu Valley**

Visual: This Indian State celebrates the Dussehra festival with a parade of elephants. **Ans: Karnataka (Mysore)**

**Early Birds:** Parveen Rewri| Ravindra Kumar Sahu| D. Kavyasri| Simran| Anuj Gupta

**Compiled by: Sindhu Nagaraj**

## Word of the day

**Prink:**
to dress very carefully and in a finicky manner

**Synonyms:**
dress up, fancy up, deck up, overdress

**Usage:**
*She ran to her room to prink, fearing that her friend might be ashamed of her plain costume*

**Pronunciation:** bit.ly/prinkpro

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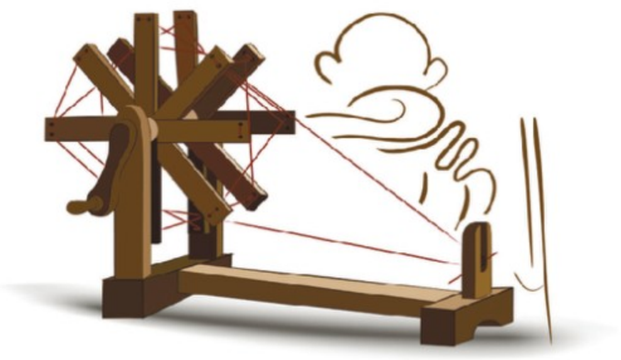

# RAJASTHAN
# FEELING PROUD IN FELICITATING RENOWNED GANDHIAN THINKERS WITH GANDHI SADBHAWNA AWARD

**On the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti, 5 Gandhian thinkers - dignitaries who have done commendable services to the society following Mahatma Gandhi's ideologies were honoured.**

1929 - 2021

## Late Dr. S. N. Subba Rao

Dr. S. N. Subba Rao was born on February 7, 1929 in Bengaluru. Dr. Subba Rao contributed immensely to India's independence movement through Gandhian ways. Dr. Subba Rao established Mahatma Gandhi Seva Ashram. He started the Sadbhawna Rail Yatra from 1993 to 1995 and travelled to 21 states and propagated the message of national unity and communal harmony.

1928-2010

## Late Shri Nemichandra Jain 'Bhavuk'

Eminent Gandhian Shri Nemichandra Jain 'Bhavuk' was born on July 25, 1928 in Jodhpur. Late Jain was a member of the Vanar Sena of the freedom struggle and played an important part in the Bhoodan movement. He established Gandhi Study Center in 1956 and organized Sarvodaya Vichar examinations. Till the last moment, he was busy in carrying the principles of Bapu to the people.

## Shri Amarnath Bhai

Born on July 1, 1933, the famous Gandhian thinker Shri Amarnath Bhai in his student life was influenced by Vinoba's Bhoodan, Gramdan, Gram Swaraj and Sarvodaya movement and left his graduation in the middle and joined the movement. He played an important role in establishing peace and harmony during the communal riots in the country. He is introducing various sections of the society with the principles of Gandhiji through Gandhi Darshan training camps.

## Shri Kumar Prashant

Shri Kumar Prashant, born on April 28, 1951 is the President of Gandhi Peace Foundation, who played an important role in setting up Gandhian organization such as National Youth Organisation. This organization is playing an important role in establishing communal harmony. Shri Kumar Prashant has been the editor of reputed journals like Dharmayug and Navneet and is a well-known poet and writer. He is spreading the ideas of Gandhiji through Gandhi Marg Patrika and Gandhi Darshan camps.

## Dr. D. R. Mehta

Born on June 25, 1937 in Jodhpur, Dr. D.R. Mehta, former Chairman of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) is an eminent social worker. Shri Mehta has been honoured with many national and international awards including Padma Bhushan and Rajiv Gandhi Sadbhawana Award for his unparalleled contribution in the field of social service.

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Chief Minister Shri Ashok Gehlot honouring Rajni Ji, representative of Late Dr. S.N. Subba Rao

Chief Minister Shri Ashok Gehlot honouring Shri Sharad Jain, representative of Late Shri Nemichandra Jain 'Bhavuk'

Chief Minister Shri Ashok Gehlot felicitating Shri Amarnath Bhai

Chief Minister Shri Ashok Gehlot felicitating Shri Manish Sharma, representative of Shri Kumar Prashant

Chief Minister Shri Ashok Gehlot felicitating Dr. D.R.Mehta

Department of Information and Public Relations

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## INBRIEF

### Man opens FB account in IPS officer's name to harass woman

The Bengaluru West Division Cyber Crime police are on the lookout for a man, who opened a Facebook account in the name of an IPS officer to harass a woman. Based on a complaint by the victim's husband, Manjunath C., the police took up a case on Monday, charging the accused with identity theft (Section 66C of IT Act).

The accused, identified as Prashanth, was a colleague of the complainant's wife and allegedly started harassing her through late-night calls and messages from different mobile numbers.

Recently, the accused had opened a Facebook account in the name of former DCP West Division, Sanjeev Patil, and sent a friend request to the victim, said the police.

Recently, BBMP chief Tushar Giri Nath filed a complaint with Central Division Cyber Crime police against unknown persons misusing his picture on WhatsApp to sent messages to his colleagues seeking Amazon gift cards.

**Text & Context**

A weekday feature on *The Hindu* epaper (epaper.thehindu.com) carries explainers, special articles and a quiz. In the latest issue (October 6, Thursday), the following explainer is available:

- The criterion for SC status **bit.ly/scstatusinlist**

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# HC orders probe into how sewers were permitted to be linked to SWDs

Court found it necessary to conduct further investigation as the petitioners claimed the sewer, constructed to connect the UGD system to SWDs, was sanctioned by the RDPR Department and funded under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme

**The Hindu Bureau**
BENGALURU

The High Court of Karnataka has ordered further investigation in a criminal case to find out how the Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department (RDPR) or any other authorities of the government allowed connecting an underground drainage system (UGD) from a residential layout to storm-water drains in Anekal of Bengaluru Urban district.

A file photo of a storm-water drain in Bengaluru. THE HINDU

**'Must cooperate'**

The court said that further investigation has to be conducted by an officer not below the rank of a Deputy Commissioner of Police to be nominated by the Director-General and Inspector-General of Police, and all the departments, including the Revenue Department, the Land Records and Survey Settlement Department, the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, the Lake Development Authority, the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike etc., should cooperate with the investigation.

Justice Suraj Govindaraj passed the interim order on a petition filed by the office-bearers of the Shantipura Residents' Welfare Association.

The petitioners have questioned the legality of the registration of criminal case against them by the tahsildar of Anekal taluk in 2016 for connecting the sewage lines of Vinayaka layout to the SWD leading to a lake.

The court found it necessary to conduct further investigation as the petitioners have contended that the sewer, which was constructed to connect the UGD system to SWDs, was sanctioned by the RDPR Department and funded under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme, and hence the petitioners cannot be held responsible for it.

It was also pointed out on behalf of the petitioners that there are several other layouts, which have constructed sewage drains leading to SWDs and this is a general practice adopted when there is no underground drainage system provided by Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board or the Karnataka Urban Water Supply and Drainage Board.

The court said further probe is needed as there is no examination on who approved the construction of the drain, who had constructed it, who made payments for the same, what were the approval taken for such construction, who granted such approvals, and on what basis was the layout sanctioned and approved, etc., in the investigation conducted so far.

**Suo motu PIl plea**

Meanwhile, the court also found it necessary to initiate a *suo motu* PIL petition as the issue has is far-reaching impact and is of public importance and directed the Registrar General to place the petition before the Chief Justice for appropriate action.

The court observed that the allegations are shocking as it is stated that from private layouts, the government or instrumentalities of the government have built drainage, which carries the sewage and solid waste into SWDs, which further lead to various lakes in Bengaluru.

# Road blockade by KRRS on highway to Mysuru disrupts traffic

**The Hindu Bureau**
MYSURU

Tourists on their way to Mysuru to witness the Jamboo Savari, marking the grand finale of Dasara festival, were put to inconvenience as Karnataka Rajya Raitha Sangha (KRRS) staged a road blockade at eight places including the Mysuru-Bengaluru highway on Wednesday in protest against the State government's failure to address their long-pending demands including payment of ₹4,500 for every tonne of sugarcane.

The farmers turned up at the designated spots on the highways leading to Mysuru with sugarcane trucks, carts, tractors, disrupting traffic movement. The Mysuru-Bengaluru highway was the worst-hit with vehicles piling up for several kilometres due to road blockades at Kirangur circle in Srirangapatna, V. C Farm Gate in Mandya and in Maddur.

Similar protests were held at Anchedoddi Gate in Malavalli, Yadathore in T. Narsipur, Yelwal on the Mysuru-Hunsur highway and at K.R. Pet. Superintendent of Mandya district police Yathish said traffic movement was disrupted for about an hour due to the road blockades. But by afternoon, regular traffic movement was restored.

Farmers blocking the Mysuru-Bengaluru highway at Kirangur circle in Srirangapatna on Wednesday.

However, large number of travellers including tourists on their way to Mysuru were caught in long traffic snarls. The vehicles, which were diverted through alternative routes, found the countryside roads too narrow and unsuitable to handle the high volume of traffic.

Karnataka Rajya Raitha Sangha (KRRS) leader Badagalapura Nagendra told *The Hindu* that the State Government had been informed that they would have no option, but to resort to road blockades on Vijayadashami Day if their long-pending demands were not addressed.

"We held a mammoth rally in Mandya on September 19 and sent the memorandum to the Government through the Additional Deputy Commissioner of Mandya", he said.

**Timings**
**BENGALURU**

**THURSDAY, OCT. 06**
RISE 06:09 SET 18:06
RISE 15:46 SET 02:42

**FRIDAY, OCT. 07**
RISE 06:09 SET 18:06
RISE 16:31 SET 03:41

**SATURDAY, OCT. 08**
RISE 06:09 SET 18:05
RISE 17:13 SET 04:36

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**Bengaluru Today**
**27°C** The weather will be comfortable but humid.Night will be pleasant. Spell of rain and thundershower will occur.

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**26°C** A comfortable but humid weather to continue. Night will be pleasant. Spell of moderate rain and thundershower to occur.

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# Persons posing as Army officers cheat diagnostic lab staffers

**The Hindu Bureau**
BENGALURU

In the last week alone, there were two cases where fraudsters posed as Army officers and targeted diagnostic labs and cheated their staff members.

Tanzeen Shahjahan, from R.T. Nagar, filed a complaint with the North Division Cyber Crime station on Tuesday, stating that a person approached her seeking details of a lab test for around 25 Army men.

The accused, after a few minutes of conversation, asked her to send a small amount of money to his online account so that he would revert the total fee of all 25 officials. She transferred the amount to the account, only to realise that of₹ 1.05 lakh had been deducted.

A similar incident occurred with a doctor from Konanakunte, who complained to the South Division Cyber Crime police that she was cheated on Sunday. Swathi Gudage told the police that the person posing as a BSF officer from the 94th battalion asked her for the lab test fee for 25 new recruits.

As soon as she shared the details, the accused told her that he would send her a QR code to scan so that he could link the account number for transferring the fee. As soon as Dr. Gudage scanned the code, ₹94,900 was deducted from her account.

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THIS IS to inform the General Public that my client Sri. Mariyappa, S/O Muniyappa, Residing at NO: 46, Subbanna Layout, RMV IInd Stag, Lottegollahalli , Bengaluru–560094 has lost his 7 Cheques bearing Saving Bank Account in Canara Bank, Sheshadripuram Branch, Bangalore having account number 0794101033009 and got another Saving Bank account in Bank Of India, Chandapura Branch, Anekal Taluk having account number 848210110010528 and from above both the banks my client obtained cheque books respectively. When such being the fact on 24/10/2020 at Subbanna Layout when he went to purchase some provisions for his house, he lost 7 cheque leafs of the bank which is as follows 1) Cheque number 731461, 731466, 731467, 731468, 731469 issued to him by Canara Bank, Sheshadripuram Branch, Bangalore having Saving Bank account number number 0794101033009 2) Cheque number 087402, 087403, issued to him by Bank of India, Chandapura Branch, Bangalore having Saving Bank account number number 848210110010528 , My client states that accordingly on 25/10/2020 a missing complaint has been lodged before the jurisdictional Sanjaya Nagar police station vide lost report number 135743/2020 and upto this day the above missed 7 cheques has not presented by anybody before bank. When such being the things on 07/08/2021 my client has been admitted to Shirdi Sai Hospital and on 21/08/2021 he has been discharged from the said Hospital and on the same day i.e., 21/08/2021 he has been admitted to PMSSY Hospital, Bangalore for further treatment and discharged from Shirdi Sai Hospital on 16/09/2021 and now also my client is under medication and he lossed his memory power in part. Now my client wish to bring the General Public that if anybody found the above said 7 cheque leafs please return the same to the under signed advocate office. In spite of this public notice if any persons present the said cheques for encashment then the same will not binding upon my client and if anybody misused the cheuqes suitable legal action will be initiated against those persons M N PRABHAKARA, Advocate, NO: 102, 12th Main Road, Near Subbaiah Hospital, Mathikee, Bangalore–560054 Mob:– 9739582362

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**IN THE COURT OF 57th ADDL CITY CIVIL & SESSIONS JUDGE, MAYOHALL AT BANGALORE (CCH-58)**
**O.S. NO. 26526/2021**
**BETWEEN :**
M/s. ICICI BANK LIMITED Mittal Tower, M.G. Road, Bangalore- 560 001 Represented by its Manager and Power of Attorney Holder
**Mr. Pramodh G. ...Plaintiff**
**V/s**
**Mrs. Azmathunnisa & Another ...Defendant**
**Summons To Defendant**
1. Mrs. Azmathunnisa, Prop Of Adam Construction, Aged About 41 Years, 1st Floor, No.19, 1st Cross, Bhuvaneshwar Nagar, R.T Nagar, Bangalore- 560032
2. Mr. Dadapeer Prop Of Masha Allah Construction, Aged about 39 years Manjunatha Layout, Smt Andalamma Mansion, Bangalore- 560032

Whereas, the above named Plaintiff has filed a Civil Suit for Recovery of a sum of **Rs.6,44,953.72/- (Rupees Six Lakhs Forty Four Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty Three and Paise Seventy Two Only)** apart from future interest of 18% p.a., in **O.S. No. 26526/2021** and same is pending adjudication in **CCH-58** Before Addl. City Civil & Sessions Judge, Mayohall, Bengaluru.
You are hereby summoned to appear before the Hon'ble Court on the 15th Day of November 2022 at 11:00 A.M. to answer to the same, if failed the suit will be decided in your absence, Ex-parte.
Given under my Hand and Seal of the Court this the 29th day of September, 2022.

**By Order of the Court**
**Deputy Registrar,**
**City Civil Court, Mayohall,**
**BENGALURU- 560 001**

**FX & Co., ADVOCATES,**
**New No. 9, Old No. 11/1**
**Gover Road, Cox Town,**
**BENGALURU- 560 005**

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**IN THE COURT OF THE 13th ADDL. CITY CIVIL JUDGE MAYOHALL UNIT AT BANGALORE (CCH-22)**
**O.S. NO. 25729/2021**
Between
ICICI Bank Limited, Having its Registered office at Land Mark, Race Course Circle, Vadodara - 390 007 and having its Corporate office at ICICI Bank Towers, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra (East), Mumbai - 400 051 and its branch office at Mystree Centre, # 4/10, Hosur Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore - 560 068 Represented by its POA Holder Sri. Pramodh Gurumallappa **...Plaintiff**
**And**
Vinod Kumar **...Defendant**
**Summons To Defendant**
To,
Vinod Kumar,
Aged about 38 years
S/o. Sri. Prakashayya,
No. 304, Pruthvi Paradise, 3rd Floor, 1st Main, KR Main Layout, JP Nagar, 7th Phase, Bangalore - 560 078

WHEREAS the Plaintiff has instituted above said suit against you for recovery of Rs.4,22,263/-(Rupees Four Lakh Twenty Two Thousand Two Hundred Sixty Three Only) together with interest @ 17.48% p.a., cost of the suit and to grant such other or further order relief. The above mentioned Defendant hereby summoned to appear before the Hon'ble 13th Additional City Civil & Sessions Judge (CCH - 22) in person or through a Counsel who can able to answer the claim made against you on 29.10.22 at 11:00 a.m. failing which the suit is heard and disposed ex-parte.
Given under my hand and the seal of the Hon'ble Court on this 27.09.2022.

**BY ORDER OF THE HON'BLE COURT**
**DEPUTY REGISTRAR,**
**CITY CIVIL COURT,**
**MAYOHALL, BENGALURU**

**ADVOCATE FOR PLAINTIFF**
**S A Associates,**
**No.10, 7th Cross, Victoria Layout, Bangalore - 560 047**

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**IN THE COURT OF 26th ADDL. CITY CIVIL JUDGE, MAYOHALL AT BANGALORE (CCH-20)**
**O.S. NO. 26085/2019**
**BETWEEN :**
M/s. ICICI BANK LIMITED Mittal Tower, M.G. Road, Bangalore- 560 001 Represented by its Manager and Power of Attorney Holder
**Mr. Pramodh G.**
**AND**
**Mr. Thinkal. S**
S/o. Mr. Sreekumar, Aged about 26 years, Flat No. A-102, Ground Floor, Vaishnavi Rathnam S. M. Road, Ayappa Temple Road, Bangalore- 560 098

Whereas, the above named Plaintiff has filed a Civil Suit for Recovery of a sum of **3,79,949.94/- (Rupees Three Lakhs Seventy Nine Hundred Forty Nine and Paise Ninety Four Only)** apart from future interest of 18% p.a., in **O.S. No. 26085/2019** and same is pending adjudication in **CCH-20,** before 26th Addl. City Civil Court, Mayohall, Bengaluru.
You are hereby summoned to appear before the Hon'ble Court on the 14th Day of November 2022 at 11:00 A.M. to answer to the same, if failed the suit will be decided in your absence, Ex-parte.
Given under my Hand and Seal of the Court this the 20th day of September 2022.

**B O C**
**Deputy Registrar,**
**City Civil Court, Mayohall,**
**BENGALURU- 560 001**

**FX & Co., ADVOCATES,**
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**LEGAL NOTICE**

**IN THE COURT OF 72nd ADDL. CITY CIVIL JUDGE, MAYOHALL AT BANGALORE (CCH-73)**
**O.S. NO. 25321/2021**
**BETWEEN :**
M/s. ICICI BANK LIMITED Mittal Tower, M.G. Road, Bangalore- 560 001 Represented by its Manager and Power of Attorney Holder
**Mr. Pramodh G. ...PLAINTIFF**
**AND**
**Mr. Sarfaraz Nawaz, ...DEFENDANT**
**Summons**
Mr. Sarfaraz Nawaz, S/o Mr. Abdul Khader, Aged about 39 years, No. 15, Kanakamma Building, Doddanagamangala Silicon Town, Electronic City Phase 2, Bangalore- 560 100.

Whereas the above named Plaintiff has filed a Civil Suit for Recovery of a sum **of 9,21,303.28/- (Rupees Nine Lakhs Twenty One Thousand Three Hundred and Three and Paise Twenty Eight Only)** apart from future interest of 18% p.a., in **O.S. No. 25321/2021** and same is pending adjudication in **CCH 73,** Before 72nd Addl., City Civil Court. Mayohall, Bengaluru.
You are hereby summoned to appear before the Hon'ble Court on the18th Day of October 2022 at 11:A.M. to answer to the same, if failed the suit will be decided in your absence, Exparte.
Given under my Hand and Seal of the Court this the 27th day of September, 2022.

**By Order of the Court**
**Deputy Registrar,**
**City Civil Court, Mayohall,**
**BENGALURU- 560 001**

**FX & Co., ADVOCATES,**
**New No. 9, Old No. 11/1**
**Gover Road, Cox Town,**
**BENGALURU- 560 005**

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**IN THE COURT OF 13th ADDL. CITY CIVIL JUDGE, MAYOHALL AT BANGALORE (CCH-22)**
**O.S. NO. 25119/2020**
**BETWEEN :**
M/s. ICICI BANK LIMITED Mittal Tower, M.G. Road, Bangalore- 560 001 Represented by its Manager and Power of Attorney Holder
**Mr. Pramodh G. ...PLAINTIFF**
**AND**
**Mr. G. Dhaneshwaran, ...DEFENDANT**
**Summons**
Mr. G. Dhaneshwaran S/o. Mohanamudali Gunasekhar, Aged about 29 years, H No. 2, 3rd Cross, 6th Main, Vinayaka Layout, Doddanekundi Extn., Chinnappanahalli, Bangalore- 560037.

Whereas, the above named Plaintiff has filed a Civil Suit for Recovery of a sum of **Rs.2,48,293.29/- (Rupees Two Lakhs Forty Eight Thousand Two Hundred and Ninety Three and Paise Twenty Nine Only)** apart from future interest of 18% p.a., in **O.S. No. 25119/2020** and same is pending adjudication in **CCH-22,** Before Addl. City Civil Court, Mayohall, Bengaluru.
You are hereby summoned to appear before the Hon'ble Court on the 4th Day of November 2022 at 11:00 A.M. to answer to the same, if failed the suit will be decided in your absence, Ex-parte.
Given under my Hand and Seal of the Court this the 27th day of September 2022.

**By Order of the Court**
**Deputy Registrar,**
**City Civil Court, Mayohall,**
**BENGALURU- 560 001**

**FX & Co., ADVOCATES,**
**New No. 9, Old No. 11/1**
**Gover Road, Cox Town,**
**BENGALURU- 560 005.**

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**IN THE COURT OF 72nd ADDL. CITY CIVIL JUDGE, MAYOHALL AT BANGALORE (CCH-73)**
**O.S. NO. 25151/2022**
**BETWEEN :**
M/s. ICICI BANK LIMITED Mittal Tower, M.G. Road, Bangalore- 560 001 Represented by its Manager and Power of Attorney Holder
**Mr. Pramodh G. ...PLAINTIFF**
**AND**
**Mr. Manjunath B. ...DEFENDANT**
**Summons**
Mr. Manjunath B. S/o. Mr. Basavaiah, Aged about 43 years, No. 164, 80 Feet Road, Near Masidi Aswanth Nagar, Bangalore North, RMV Extension, II Stage Bangalore- 560 094.
Whereas, the above named Plaintiff has filed a Civil Suit for Recovery of a sum of **4,68,001/- (Rupees Four Lakhs Sixty Eight Thousand and One Only)** apart from future interest of 14.99% p.a., in **O.S. No. 25151/2022** and same is pending adjudication in **CCH-73** Before 72nd Addl. City Civil Court, Mayohall, Bengaluru.
You are hereby summoned to appear before the Hon'ble Court on the 18th Day of October 2022 at 11:00 A.M. to answer to the same, if failed the suit will be decided in your absence, Ex-parte.
Given under my Hand and Seal of the Court this the 27th day of September 2022.

**By Order of the Court**
**Deputy Registrar,**
**City Civil Court, Mayohall,**
**BENGALURU- 560 001**

**FX & Co., ADVOCATES,**
**New No. 9, Old No. 11/1**
**Gover Road, Cox Town,**
**BENGALURU- 560 005.**

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**IN THE COURT OF 26th ADDL. CITY CIVIL JUDGE MAYOHALL UNIT AT BANGALORE (CCH-20)**
**O.S. NO. 25492/2022**
Between
ICICI Bank Limited, Having its Registered office at Land Mark, Race Course Circle, Vadodara - 390 007 and having its Corporate office at ICICI Bank Towers, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra (East), Mumbai - 400 051 and its branch office at Mystree Centre, 4/10, Hosur Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore-560068 Represented by its POA Holder Sri. Pramodh Gurumallappa **...Plaintiff**
**And**
Ms. Radha Paswan **...Defendant**
**Summons To Defendant**
To,
Ms. Radha Paswan,
D/o. Sri. Ramprasad Paswan, Aged about 45 years, No.5, 3rd Floor, Rajivnagar, Opp. KSRP Campus, Choodasandra, Bangalore - 560 099

WHEREAS the Plaintiff has instituted above said suit against you for recovery of Rs.6,72,478/- (Rupees Six Lakh Seventy Two Thousand Four Hundred Seventy Eight Only) together with interest @ 24% p.a., cost of the suit and to grant such other or further order relief. The above mentioned Defendant hereby summoned to appear before the Hon'ble 26th Additional City Civil & Sessions Judge (CCH - 20) in person or through a Counsel who can able to answer the claim made against you on 29/11/2022 at 11:00 a.m. failing which the suit is heard and disposed ex-parte.
Given under my hand and the seal of the Hon'ble Court on this 24/09/2022.

**BY ORDER OF THE COURT**
**DEPUTY REGISTRAR,**
**CITY CIVIL COURT,**
**MAYOHALL, BENGALURU**

**ADVOCATE FOR PLAINTIFF**
**S A Associates,**
**No.10, 7th Cross, Victoria Layout, Bangalore - 560 047**

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**B. RAVINDRA PRASAD, ADVOCATE**
Prasad Law Chambers, No.19, Vinayaka Circle , P.G.Halli II Main, Malleshwaram, Bangalore-560 003.
MB: 9880254424
Place: Bangalore, Date: 06-10-2022

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**IN THE COURT OF THE 26th ADDL. CITY CIVIL JUDGE MAYOHALL UNIT AT BANGALORE (CCH-20)**
**O.S. NO. 25520/2022**
Between
ICICI Bank Limited, Having its Registered office at Land Mark, Race Course Circle, Vadodara - 390 007 and having its Corporate office at ICICI Bank Towers, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra (East), Mumbai - 400 051 and its branch office at Mystree Centre, # 4/10, Hosur Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore-560 068 Represented by its POA Holder Sri. Pramodh Gurumallappa **...Plaintiff**
**And**
Sri. Vinod Varghese **...Defendant**
**Summons To Defendant**
To,
Sri Vinod Varghese,
S/o Sri Rajan Kizhakketh,
Aged about 42 years,
Adarsh Palm Retreat Condominiums Tower,
31-1-104, D Block,
Sarjapur, Marathahalli,
Outer Ring Road,
Devarabeesanahalli,
Bangalore - 560 103

WHEREAS the Plaintiff has instituted above said suit against you for recovery of Rs.16,20,602/- (Rupees Sixteen Lakh Twenty Thousand Six Hundred Two Only) together with interest @ 24% p.a., cost of the suit and to grant such other or further order relief.The above mentioned Defendant hereby summoned to appear before the Hon'ble 26th Additional City Civil & Sessions Judge (CCH-20) in person or through a Counsel who can able to answer the claim made against you on 30/11/2022 at 11:00 a.m. failing which the suit is heard and disposed ex-parte.
Given under my hand and the seal of the Hon'ble Court on this 24/09/2022.

**BY ORDER OF THE HON'BLE COURT**
**DEPUTY REGISTRAR,**
**CITY CIVIL COURT,**
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## INBRIEF

### Rahul appeals to Bommai to save injured elephant calf

In a letter to Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai, Congress leader Rahul Gandhi, who is on the Karnataka leg of Bharat Jodo Yatra, appealed for his intervention to help an injured baby elephant. "The Congress president and I briefly visited Nagarhole Tiger Reserve where we came across the painful sight of an injured baby elephant, with its mother. The calf has a severely injured tail and trunk, and is fighting for its life," said Mr. Gandhi, who is taking a break in Kodagu with his mother Sonia Gandhi. Stating that the calf is in urgent need of medical care, he said: "Therefore, I wanted to cross political boundaries and appeal to your sense of compassion to intervene and save the calf."Earlier in the day, Ms. Sonia offered Dasara prayers at a temple at H.D. Kote. She is expected to join the yatra that resumes on Thursday.

## From Page One

### CBI rules Paresh Mesta's death was not murder

According to sources, the body of Paresh Mesta did not have any external or internal injuries or assault marks indicating that he was tortured and killed as was alleged in the FIR. Sources said the CBI has concluded that the youth died of antemortem drowning, as was concluded by the local police. However, the BJP and the family of Paresh Masta have disputed the closure report and sought reopening of case.

Back in 2017, leaders of the BJP had argued that the body of the youth turning black as proof of "torture", even as the postmortem had then ruled that the discolouration of was due to body being in water for two days. The CBI report further states there was no evidence to corroborate the allegations made out against the five accused named in the FIR. The accused, including Azad Annigeri, a councillor in Honnavar town panchayat, have been out on bail in the case.

Paresh Mesta, 18, had gone missing from Honnavar on December 6, 2017, a day after communal clashes broke out near the town over a traffic accident involving Hindus and Muslims. This led to clashes between protestors and police. Two days later a severely bloated body of Paresh Mesta was found floating in the town's Shettikere, leading to further escalation in the situation.

### Shortage of drivers puts 900 BMTC buses off the roads in Bengaluru

Chairman of BMTC N.S. Nandeesha Reddy said: "When inter-corporation transfers were allowed, many drivers had opted to go to KSRTC and other corporations to work in their native places. Considering the shortage of staff, the State government had directed the BMTC to hire drivers on contract. We will float a tender for hiring 1,000 drivers and once they join, it will help in running more services." Sources said that the management is also approaching the government seeking permission to go for regular recruitment.

# Paresh case: Family and BJP want reinvestigation; Siddaramaiah hits back

Leader of the Opposition says BJP should apologise for slanderous campaign, while BJP leader Eshwarappa alleges several documents and evidence in the case were destroyed

**The Hindu Bureau**
BENGALURU

The closure report by Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) into the death of Paresh Mesta, ruling it not a case of murder, has embarrassed the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), which had made allegations of torture and murder of the youth in 2017, in the run up to the 2018 Assembly polls.

Leader of the Opposition Siddaramaiah, whose government had come under attack then, has described the CBI closure report a "slap on the face of BJP."

"This report is a slap on the face of the Karnataka BJP. If the BJP has any shame, it should apologise for its slanderous campaign. The BJP took unethical political advantage of the death of an innocent youth. The power BJP is enjoying has stains of the blood of this innocent youth," he tweeted.

The BJP, then in Opposition, had said that Paresh was a BJP worker, a claim denied by his family members, and alleged that he was brutally tortured and killed by a group of Muslims over a communal row.

A poster carrying Paresh Mesta's photo, at Thulasi Nagar near Honnavar. FILE PHOTO

Azad Annigeri, a Congress leader and then former councillor who ran a hotel near Shettikere where Paresh Mesta went missing and was later found dead, was accused of torturing and killing him.

Udupi-Chikkamagaluru BJP MP Shobha Karandlaje had said Paresh was murdered by "Jehadis in ISIS fashion." The then BJP general secretary, Karnataka, Arvind Limbavali, had tweeted with graphic details of alleged torture. The death was an important narrative of Hindutva activists against the Siddaramaiah-led Congress regime and one of the planks of the party in 2018 Assembly polls.

Sticking to this position, senior BJP leader K.S. Eshwarappa has now alleged that the then Congress government had "buried several documents and evidence" related to Paresh's death, before handing it over to CBI and hence, the report was "incorrect."

He said he would appeal to Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Home Minister Amit Shah to reopen the case. Several Hindutva outfits, including Sri Rama Sene, have also threatened protests if the CBI closure report is accepted.

Meanwhile, Kamalakar Mesta, father of Paresh, spoke to media persons and said that he believed his son was killed and that he would not accept the CBI's conclusion. "Evidence in the case has been destroyed. The CBI has sent a letter to me. I will discuss with my family and decide on our next course of action," he said.

# With no preparations yet, sahitya sammelana may be postponed, says parishat chief

**The Hindu Bureau**
BENGALURU

**There is complete chaos and lack of coordination between the officials, says Mahesh Joshi**

With no preparations underway yet, the 86th Akhila Bharatiya Kannada Sahitya Sammelana scheduled to be held on November 11-13 in Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai's home district Haveri, will have to be postponed, said Mahesh Joshi, president, Kannada Sahitya Parishat.

This comes days after Mr. Bommai, when quizzed about the lack of preparations during his visit to Haveri, brushed aside concerns and said the sahitya sammelana will be held in a grand way as per the schedule. "Every time they say there is not enough time. But every time we hold the sammelana," he told mediapersons. Earlier Haveri district in charge Minister A. Shivaram Hebbar had voiced concerns over the lack of preparations.

**No logo yet**

"At least four preparatory meetings with the Chief Minister have been cancelled till date. He has not even finalised the logo of the sammelana, key to start correspondence, registration of delegates, and other formalities. We are just 35 days away from the scheduled event. The organising committees have not been formed. There is complete chaos and lack of coordination between the officials," he said.

Chief Minister, district in charge Minister, and Kannada and Culture Minister V. Sunil Kumar. While the Finance Department has released ₹20 crore to the Kannada and Culture Department, not a rupee has been released to the DC, Haveri, till date. How will we organise the sammelana without money?" Dr. Joshi asked.

He said he was saddened at how the sammelana and the parishat were being "neglected and insulted" by the State government.

**'Neglect' of parishat**

Dr. Joshi also came down heavily on the State government for what he termed "neglect" of the Kannada Sahitya Parishat.

"The president of the parishat was a special invitee to Mysuru Dasara and was a member of the selection committee of Rajyotsava awards. Both practices have stopped this year. Also, the earlier draft of the Kannada Language Comprehensive Development Bill, 2022, had representatives of the parishat in both State and district-level committees for its implementation, but what got passed has only officials," he rued.

# Third elephant death in Malnad region raises concern

**The Hindu Bureau**
HASSAN

Three elephants have died in the last 10 days in the Malnad region allegedly due to electrocution, raising concern. Electric fencing, put up by farmers to protect their crops from the wild animals, is said to have caused the deaths.

Two tuskers were electrocuted at Channahalli in Shivamogga on September 25. A female elephant was found dead at Halekere near Ballupete in Sakaleshpur taluk on Tuesday. Deputy Conservator of Forests K.N. Basavaraj told *The Hindu* a five-year-old female elephant was found dead. "Investigation is on to ascertain the cause of death. We are waiting for veterinarian's opinion on this," he said.

Incidents of human-elephant conflict have been on the rise in parts of Hassan district. FILE PHOTO

The two tuskers came in contact with the electric fencing installed to protect maize in Channahalli village, close to Shettihalli forest area in Shivamogga district. The forest officials arrested Chandra Naika, owner of the farmland, who had allegedly put up the fencing violating the laws.

In Hassan district, man-

**Electric fencing, put up by farmers to protect their crops from wild animals, is said to have caused the deaths**

elephant conflict has a long history. In the last 10 years alone, more than 80 people have died and around 50 elephants died.

Often, elephant herds raid coffee plantations and paddy fields causing a huge loss for the farmers. Many of those who died in elephant attacks were plantation workers. Whenever a death occurs, people of Sakaleshpur, Alur, and Belur taluks stage protests stopping vehicles on the highway. For decades, they have been demanding the capture and translocation of all elephants.

Whenever the protests intensify, the Forest Department capture a couple of elephants and translocated them. The department installed radio collars on several elephants to track the movement of herds so that local people could be warned about their movements well in advance.

**10 deaths in 2021**

Many farmers have put up solar fencing to protect their crops from raiding wild animals. A few connect the fence with an electric power line to ensure a higher level of security and that leads to the death of animals. In the year 2021, as many as 10 elephants died due to electrocution in the State. Earlier this year on May 27, an elephant was found dead with gunshots at Malasavara near Arehalli in Belur taluk.

The State government has decided to install railway barricades to stop the movement of elephants. The government earmarked ₹100 crores for the project. However, local people argue railway barricade is not the final solution. They want the capture and relocation of all elephants.

# Collective leadership at all levels in Congress is my goal: Mallikarjun Kharge

**The Hindu Bureau**
KALABURAGI

Senior Congress leader M. Mallikarjun Kharge, who filed a nomination for the AICC president's post, said that the Congress will adopt a model of collective and inclusive leadership and decision making at all levels.

He was speaking to mediapersons at Buddha Vihar on the outskirts of the Kalaburagi on Wednesday before leaving for Mysuru to join Bharat Jodo Yatra on Thursday.

When asked about the party's course of action [after electing the AICC president], Mr. Kharge said that it will not be decided by one person. "The status quo and reforms will be decided by the party delegates, a Congress Working Committee will be formed, the committee will decide all policy matters that will be formulated by consensus before implementing it. It's not me alone, but we as a party will decide together," he added.

Refusing to speak on possibilities of electing unopposed to the party's top post, Mr. Kharge said all his colleagues including senior and junior leaders urged and encouraged him to contest. He said he was inspired as all the leaders extended their cooperation. Mr. Kharge asserted that he had entered the poll fray to strengthen the Congress and to take forward the party ideology.

Replying to a question, he said the party will draw up strategy for an alliance after the party president's polls. He, however, refused to divulge details saying that the party will meet to discuss an ally in the coming days. The need of the hour is to fight united to protect the Constitution, save the country and its democracy, he added.

On his dream of becoming the Karnataka Chief Minister, Mr. Kharge said it was a closed chapter and a dead issue.

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## INBRIEF

### Many children initiated into world of learning in Kerala

After a two-year lull caused by the pandemic, popular venues in Thiruvananthapuram saw a resurgence of crowds on Wednesday as hundreds of children took their first steps into the world of learning on the occasion of 'Vidyarambham.' Many venues, including the Saraswathi Mandapam at Poojappura, noted temples and cultural centres, reported larger crowds than 2019, when the ceremony was last held in a big way. On Wednesday, close to 2,000 children took their first steps by writing on rice at the Saraswati Mandapam, organisers said. This year, children were also initiated into the world of dance and music along with letters.

### Experts suggest translocation of tiger trapped in Munnar

The tiger that was trapped at Naymakkad on Tuesday night will have to be translocated from the Munnar landscape in Kerala as it may kill cattle again if released in the area, suggested an expert team that inspected the captured animal on Wednesday. The tiger that had unleashed terror at Naymakkad, was trapped in a cage set up by the forest officials at Munnar on Wednesday night. A decision on the release of the tiger into the wild, translocation, or even rehabilitation in captivity will be taken by the Chief Wildlife Warden on Thursday, officials said.

# KCR launches new party to foray into national politics

**Telangana Rashtra Samithi has been renamed as Bharat Rashtra Samithi with a view to expand the activities of the party nationwide, says Telangana Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao**

**N. Rahul**
HYDERABAD

Telangana Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao on Wednesday launched his Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS), renaming the existing Telangana Rashtra Samithi (TRS) founded by him, marking his foray into national politics.

The launch of the new party was announced by him at the appointed time – 1.19 p.m. – after the general body meeting of TRS adopted a resolution. Mr. Rao moved a one-line resolution and later read out full text of the objective.

Mr. Rao said the party was renamed with a view to expand its activities nationwide. Former Karnataka Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy and president of Viduthalai Chiruthaigal Katchi Thol. Thirumavalavan greeted Mr. Rao as soon as the announcement was made.

**Expanding wings:** Telangana CM K. Chandrasekhar Rao launching a new party in Hyderabad on Wednesday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Sources said Mr. Rao told the meeting that politics had become recreation for several parties in the country. But, it was a task for him to fulfil. The BRS will march ahead with welfare of farmers as its main agenda, he said. Maharashtra and Karnataka will be the priority States for BRS to improve the lot of farmers. "Let us work for the welfare of farmers in the two States first", he said.

The launch of the new party was criticised by rival parties. Telangana Congress committee president A. Revanth Reddy said Mr. Rao refused to recognise the existence of Telangana by renaming the party.

BJP Parliamentary board member K. Laxman said it was end of the road for the TRS in the State.

# JD(S) looks to expand base in Karnataka with help from newly-launched BRS

**The Hindu Bureau**
BENGALURU

The Janata Dal (Secular) is charting an ambitious road map to boost its poll prospects with the help of the Bharata Rashtra Samithi (BRS), the party that was launched in Hyderabad by Telangana Chief Minister K. Chandrashekhar Rao on Wednesday as an alternative national political force of like-minded parties.

The JD(S), which is fighting a tough political battle in Karnataka as both the ruling BJP and the principal Opposition Congress are trying to woo its MLAs and make inroads into its territory, took over 20 of its legislators to Hyderabad under the leadership of former Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy to participate in the formal launch.

**Alternative forum**

According to sources, the JD(S) is keen to use this new political forum, which is an alternative to both the BJP and the Congress, to expand its political base in Karnataka. Party insiders say that the JD (S), which presently has 30 MLAs, will try to strategically focus on finding a firm footing in an additional 30 to 40 Assembly seats where the BRS will have some influence.

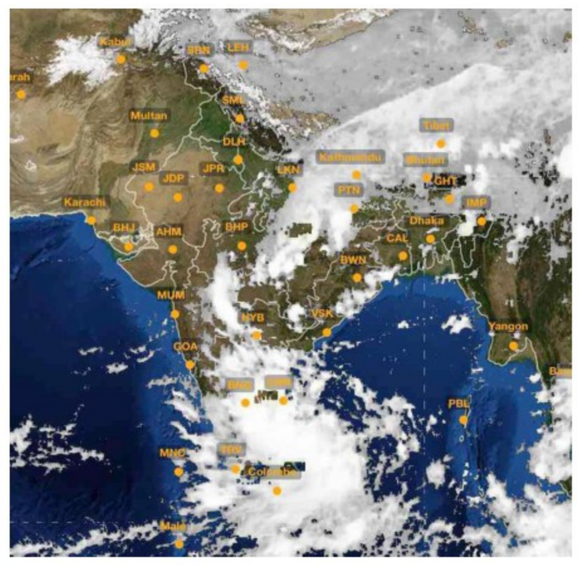
**KCR to campaign?**

While Mr. Kumaraswamy told reporters after the meeting in Hyderabad that Mr. Chandrashekhar has assured him of all co-operation to help the party to return to power in Karnataka, sources in the JDS said that the top leaders of the BRS including Mr. Rao would campaign for the party in Karnataka.

On his part, Mr. Kumaraswamy said the JD (S) would work as an ally of the BRS both at the state and the national level. He maintained that the ideology and political priorities of both the parties were similar.

## WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday




TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 18.00 HRS)

**Forecast for Thursday:** Heavy/very heavy rainfall likely at isolated places over Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, Odisha, coastal Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Puducherry and Andaman & Nicobar Islands. Thunderstorm with lightning likely at isolated places over Himachal Pradesh, Nagaland, Mizoram, Tripura, Sikkim, West Bengal, Bihar, Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh, central Maharashtra, Karaikal and Kerala

| CITY | RAIN | MAX | MIN | CITY | RAIN | MAX | MIN |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Agartala | 24 | 32.6 | 24.2 | Kozhikode | — | 31.8 | 24.7 |
| Ahmedabad | — | 37.3 | 26.2 | Kurnool | — | 34.1 | 26.0 |
| Aizawl | 22 | 24.0 | 19.4 | Lucknow | 11 | 26.1 | 24.5 |
| Allahabad | — | 32.1 | 25.2 | Madurai | — | 36.7 | 26.6 |
| Bengaluru | — | 27.7 | 20.4 | Mangaluru | — | 29.2 | 24.6 |
| Bhopal | 0.2 | — | 24.0 | Mumbai | — | 31.6 | 26.2 |
| Bhubaneswar | 0.7 | 30.2 | 23.5 | Mysuru | — | 29.0 | 20.4 |
| Chandigarh | — | 35.8 | 23.6 | New Delhi | — | 34.0 | 23.8 |
| Chennai | — | 27.5 | 26.0 | Patna | 11 | 32.4 | 24.6 |
| Coimbatore | 3 | 30.4 | 23.2 | Port Blair | 3 | 30.2 | 25.6 |
| Dehradun | 0.8 | 31.0 | 22.8 | Puducherry | 0.2 | 30.2 | 26.2 |
| Gangtok | 37 | 19.3 | 15.5 | Pune | 8.7 | 30.7 | 20.4 |
| Goa | — | 31.6 | 25.6 | Raipur | 1.8 | 31.9 | 24.4 |
| Guwahati | 1 | 33.4 | 25.2 | Ranchi | 0.5 | 29.1 | 22.1 |
| Hubballi | — | 29.0 | 22.0 | Shillong | 1 | 24.7 | 16.0 |
| Hyderabad | — | 30.8 | 22.8 | Shimla | — | 23.8 | 14.7 |
| Imphal | 5 | 30.1 | 19.9 | Srinagar | — | 28.2 | 9.2 |
| Jaipur | — | 34.2 | 25.5 | Thiruvananthapuram | — | 31.0 | 24.6 |
| Kochi | — | 28.4 | 26.4 | Tiruchi | — | 32.5 | 26.0 |
| Kohima | 19 | 25.4 | 16.4 | Vijayawada | — | 32.4 | 26.2 |
| Kolkata | — | 31.8 | — | Visakhapatnam | 7 | 31.1 | 26.0 |

*(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)*

**Pollutants in the air you are breathing**

| CITIES | $SO_2$ | $NO_2$ | CO | PM2.5 | PM10 | CODE |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Ahmedabad | ..— | .26 | .11 | .....50 | ....56 | |
| Bengaluru | .10 | ..18 | .20 | .....42 | ...194 | |
| Chennai | .15 | ..11 | .53 | ...226 | ...124 | |
| Delhi | .19 | 113 | .48 | ...282 | ...365 | |
| Hyderabad | .13 | ....2 | 152 | .....74 | ...101 | |
| Kolkata | ...7 | ..13 | .36 | .....22 | ....30 | |
| Lucknow | .10 | ..48 | .33 | .....71 | ....62 | |
| Mumbai | .31 | ..19 | .16 | ...174 | .....— | |
| Pune | ..— | ..41 | .94 | .....— | .....— | .....— |
| Visakhapatnam | .33 | ..23 | .17 | .....26 | ....34 | |

**Yesterday**

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 248 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Sivasagar, Assam recorded a healthy AQI score of 12

**Air Quality Code:** Poor Moderate Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

**$SO_2$:** Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

**$NO_2$:** Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

**CO:** Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

**PM2.5 & PM10:** Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

# Fruit godown of man held in Maharashtra drug seizure inspected

**The Hindu Bureau**
KOCHI

In the wake of the arrest of a Kerala-based fruit importer in connection with the seizure of narcotic drugs worth nearly ₹1,500 crore at Vashi in Maharashtra by the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) earlier this week, the Excise department on Wednesday inspected a godown belonging to the accused at Kalady, near here.

DRI sleuths seized 198 kg of methamphetamine and 9 kg of cocaine from a truck carrying imported oranges on September 30 and arrested Vigin Varghese, managing director of the importing company, two days later.

"We undertook the inspection after learning that the godown belonged to the arrested person. It was run by the brother of the accused. However, we did not find any contraband from the facility," said B. Tenymon, Assistant Excise Commissioner, Ernakulam.

# Robots do Ayudha Puja at VIT Vellore

**The Hindu Bureau**
VELLORE

Students and faculty members of VIT Vellore came up with a novel idea for this year's Ayudha Puja – letting robots do it. A 30-second video of the event, which went viral on social media, was an instant hit among viewers.

After a brainstorming session, the school came up with the idea.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**ई-निविदा सूचना/e-Tender Notice**

ऑनलाइन निविदाएं जी ई एम पोर्टल के माध्यम से "दो बोली प्रणाली" के तहत दो वर्ष हेतु **1) आरएच/एफएसडी मद्दुर में एचटीसी, 2) आरएच/जीएस/एफएसडी मैसूर से एफएसडी कुशलनगर तक आरटीसी, 3) आरएच/जीएस और एफएसडी नंजनगुड में एचटीसी, 4) आरएच/जीएस और एफएसडी हसन में एचटीसी, 5) आरएच/एफएसडी के लिए एचटीसी मैसूर, 6) एफएसडी केआर नगर/जीएस मैसूर में एचटीसी और जीएस/एफएसडी मैसूर से एफएसडी केआर नगर तक परिवहन, 7) आरएस/एफएसडी बल्लारी में एचटीसी, 8) एफएसडी केजीएफ में एचटीसी और 9) एफएसडी विजयपुरा में एचटीसी,** आमंत्रित की जा रही है। एनआईटी और निविदा प्रपत्र **www.fci.gov.in** और **https://gem.gov.in** पर उपलब्ध हैं। ऑनलाइन बोलियां **28.10.2022** को अपराह्न **02:00** बजे तक प्रस्तुत की जानी हैं। पंजीकरण, प्रशिक्षण और बोलियों को ऑनलाइन प्रस्तुत करने के लिए, निविदाकारों को **https://gem.gov.in** पर देखने का अनुरोध किया जा रहा है।

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Head of Department, Water Supply & Sanitation, Phase-2, SAS Nagar. | Hiring a Consulting Firm for Formulating a Strategy for Improving Service Delivery in Water Supply Schemes for 27 Habitations in 9 blocks of District Pathankot, Hoshiarpur, SBS Nagar, Ropar and SAS Nagar in Kandi Area of Punjab | 05.10.2022 / 20.10.2022 | 0.00 LACS | 9417015600 procurementdwsspb@gmail.com |

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION AND CORRIGENDUM & ADDENDUM IF ANY, KINDLY VISIT : https://dwss.punjab.gov.in/, www.eproc.punjab.gov.in, — RO Code : 26/12/526/2021/17548



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**BRIEF E-TENDER NOTICE**

Corrigendum-I dated : 03.10.2022

| Sl.No. | Description | Details |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | Name of work | Contract for providing and fixing Vertical blinds and Sun control film at various locations in URSC Campus, Vimanapura, and ISITE Campus, Marathahalli, Bangalore for a period of one year. |
| 2 | E-Tender Notice No. | URSC/C&MG/C/TN/33/2022-23 dated: 15.09.2022 |
| 3 | Estimated cost put to tender | ₹ 10.40 Lakhs |
| 4 | Period during which the tender document can be downloaded. | Extended upto 10.30 hrs on 10.10.2022 |
| 5 | Last date and time for receipt of tenders | Up to 14.30 hrs. on 13.10.2022 |
| 6 | Due date and time of opening of tenders | After 14.30 hrs on 13.10.2022 |

Interested tenderers may please refer Detailed Notice Inviting E-Tender (NIET) for eligibility criteria and other details along with Hindi version in website: **www.isro.gov.in** and download the tender documents from **www.tenderwizard.com/ISRO**.

**Sd/- Group Director (C&MG)**



**PUBLIC NOTICE**

NOTICE is hereby given to the public that we are investigating the right, title, interest, benefits, entitlements of whatsoever nature of the owner of Property bearing Survey Numbers 71/2 measuring 1 Acre 01 Gunta and 01 Gunta Kharab Land and Sy.No.72/4 measuring 3 Acres 13 Guntas and 01 Gunta Kharab Land, situated at Janthagondanahalli Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban District, which is more particularly described in the Schedule hereunder written and hereinafter referred to as **Item No.I and Item No.II of the Schedule Property.** ALL persons including an individual, a Hindu Undivided Family, a company, banks, financial institution(s), non- banking financial institution(s), a firm, an association of persons or a body of individuals whether incorporated or not, lenders and/or creditors having any objection, claim, right, title and/or interest in respect of said Property or any part or portion thereof by way of sale, memorandum of understanding, exchange, mortgage, pledge, charge, gift, trust, inheritance, succession, possession, lease, tenancy, maintenance easement, license, bequeath, share, assignment, lien, attachment, development rights, right of way, lispendens, reservation, agreement, FSI consumption, development rights, or any liability or commitment or otherwise or demand of any nature whatsoever are hereby requested to inform the same in writing, supported with the original documents, to the undersigned having their office at **LEXSITUS**, No.810, 'BILWAPRIYA PLATINA', 2nd Floor, 27th Main Road, HSR Layout, Sector 1, Bangalore – 560102 or call to: 080-22583563, 080-25723339 or Email: info@lexsitus.com within a period of 15(Fifteen) days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which, the claim or claims, if any, of such person or persons shall be considered to have been waived and/or abandoned.

**SCHEDULE PROPERTY**

**Item No.I**
ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL OF THE Agricultural land bearing Sy.No.71/2 measuring 1 Acre 01 Gunta and 01 Gunta Kharab Land, situated at Janthagondanahalli Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban District and bounded on the:
East by : Land bearing Sy.No.70;
West by : Land bearing Sy.No.72/4 and Sy.No.72/5;
North by : Land bearing Sy.No.71/1;
South by : Land bearing Sy.No.69.

**Item No.II**
ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL OF THE Agricultural land bearing Sy.No.72/4 measuring 3 Acres 13 Guntas and 01 Gunta Kharab Land, situated at Janthagondanahalli Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban District and bounded on the:
East by : Land bearing Sy.No's.71/2 and 72/5;
West by : Road;
North by : Land bearing Sy.No.72/7;
South by : Land bearing Sy.No.68 and Sy.No.72/5:

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**F. No.: ECIR/BGZO/08/2013(AD-RK)** **Date: 04.10.2022**

**FORM-I**
**{Sub-Rule(1) of Rule 6}**

**NOTICE FOR TAKING POSSESSION UNDER SUB-SECTION (4) OF SECTION 8 OF THE PREVENTION OF MONEY-LAUNDERING ACT, 2002 (15 OF 2003)**

**WHEREAS,** the immovable property/ies mentioned below have been provisionally attached under sub-section (1) of section 5 of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002 (15 of 2003) vide Provisional Attachment Order No. 01/2022 dated 30.03.2022 issued by the Deputy Director of Enforcement, Bangalore Zonal Office.

**SCHEDULE**

| Sl No. | Sale deed No. | Extent of property | Re survey No. 135, in survey No. 5 | Name of purchaser in 1999 | Name of title holder as per EC generated in the year 2022. | Value of the Property |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2975/1999 & 2977/1999 | 2 Acre | 8 acres at Survey No. 5, Re Sy. No.135 and Survey No. 74, situated at NS Palya village, Begur Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, Bannerghatta Road, Bengaluru 560078 | Mr. A. Khaleel | Mr. A. Khaleel | (I) Sale deed Value in 1999 - Rs.14.4 lakhs. (ii) Present Guidance value (Approx) – Rs. 227,16,58,878/- (iii) Present Market Value - Rs. 243,93,60,000/- |
| 2 | 2987/1999, 1989/1999, | 2 Acre | | Mr. H.V. Abudul Wahab | Mehrun Bee, Shafiulla, A. Khaleel, Sirajunissa, Mumtazunissa, Naseemunnissa | |
| 3 | 2979/1999 & 2981/1999 | 2 acre | | Mr. Mohamed Yousuf | Mohamed Asadulla & Mrs. Rizwana Begum | |
| 4 | 2983/1999 & 2985/1999 | 2 acre | | Mr. D. Noorullah | Mr. D. Noorullah | |

**WHEREAS,** the said Provisional Attachment Order was subsequently confirmed by the Adjudicating Authority, constituted under section 6 of the Act, vide Order dated 23.09.2022 in Original Complaint No. 1714/2022 dated 28.04.2022.

**WHEREAS,** in compliance of the provisions contained under sub-section (4) of section 8 of the Act (15 of 2003), the undersigned has taken possession of the aforesaid properties, which shall be at the disposal of the Directorate of Enforcement until further order and such properties shall be kept intact by all concerned for further proceedings under the Act; and

**I, Money Jain (Deputy Director, Directorate of Enforcement, Bangalore Zonal Office, Bangalore) therefore, order that all concerned are hereby prohibited and restrained until further order of the undersigned from transferring or charging the aforesaid property by sale, gift, mortgage, pledge or otherwise in any manner whatsoever and that all persons be and that they are hereby prohibited and restrained from receiving the same by purchase, gift, mortgage, pledge or otherwise in any manner whatsoever.**

**ISSUED ON THIS 04TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2022.**

**BY ORDER**
**Sd/-**
**(MONEY JAIN)**
**DEPUTY DIRECTOR**
**AUTHORISED OFFICER**


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## Neutrality, abstention

### India must take a stand against Russia's bombing and annexation of territory

Prime Minister Narendra Modi's telephone call with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy on Tuesday was a significant marker in the continuing war in Ukraine. While Mr. Modi has often spoken with Russian President Vladimir Putin and also met him last month, his conversations with Mr. Zelenskyy thus far were restricted to the period when the Government was involved in the evacuation of about 20,000 Indian students. The phone call came a few weeks after the Putin meeting, and Mr. Zelenskyy joined western leaders in complimenting Mr. Modi for his "now is not the time for war" comment. In turn, Mr. Modi told Mr. Zelenskyy that there is no military solution to the conflict. They also spoke a week after India chose to abstain from voting against Russia for conducting referendums and annexing Donetsk, Luhansk, Zaporizhzhia and Kherson, although neither leader referred to it. They also discussed the critical importance of nuclear safety, particularly the Zaporizhzhia plant, that has been of much concern for the IAEA, which is involved in brokering talks between Ukraine and Russia to enforce a nuclear protective zone around it. The plant, under Russian control, and in Oblast province where Mr. Putin recently declared "annexation", is near the scene of fighting. The MEA said that Mr. Modi "underlined that endangerment of nuclear facilities could have... catastrophic consequences for public health and environment", although he did not clarify which side the peril was posed from. Finally, Mr. Modi expressed "India's readiness to contribute to any peace efforts", to which Mr. Zelenskyy responded that he would not conduct any negotiations with the "current President of the Russian Federation".

Over the past seven months, the war and western sanctions have had a dramatic impact on global security, food, fuel and energy supplies, and it is important to keep the lines of communication open, as Mr. Modi has done, with Mr. Putin and Mr. Zelenskyy. India has an established record in global peacemaking. However, New Delhi can only play that part if it also sets out its position more clearly, and links it to its actions on the global stage. The Government's defiance of western sanctions on oil and defence trade is understandable in terms of defending India's national interests. However, it is harder to correlate Mr. Modi's comments, and External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar's remarks, on adherence to the UN charter and the importance of protecting territorial sovereignty while India continues to abstain on all votes that criticise Russia's actions in Ukraine: including the bombing of civilians, and the annexation of occupied territories.

## Exhuming new light

### Pääbo's Nobel win should inspire biologists to shun academic straitjacket

The Nobel Prize for Medicine this year will be awarded to Svante Pääbo, a Swedish geneticist and a director of the Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology in Leipzig, Germany. Science being of an increasingly collaborative and competitive nature, recent trends in Nobel Prizes suggest that there are usually multiple winners for every prize. It is a tribute to the originality and revolutionary implications of Pääbo's research that in a world perennially reshaped by advances in biology, he has been chosen as the lone winner of the Medicine or Physiology Prize this year – something not witnessed since 2016. Pääbo, 67, has quietly instigated a Copernican revolution. Much like the latter placed the sun at the centre and demoted the earth to another circumscribed, perambulatory planet, Pääbo brought Neanderthals – believed to be among the many human-like species and losers of the evolutionary race – to the centre on the question of human evolution. Thanks to his work, it is now known that Europeans and Asians carry anywhere between 1%-4% of Neanderthal DNA. Thus, a large fraction of humanity will be influenced in terms of propensity to disease and adaptability to conditions by a species that evolved, like humans, in Africa, but 1,00,000 years earlier. Pääbo demonstrated this by pioneering and perfecting techniques to extract DNA from fossil remains, a herculean task as they contain too little and are easily contaminated. By building on these methods, Pääbo and his colleagues eventually published the first Neanderthal genome sequence in 2010. To put that in perspective, the first complete sequence of the human genome was only completed in 2003. Comparative analyses with the human genome demonstrated that the most recent common ancestor of Neanderthals and *Homo sapiens* lived around 8,00,000 years ago; that both species frequently lived in proximity and interbred to an extent that the Neanderthal genetic stamp lives on.

In 2008, a 40,000-year-old fragment from a finger bone yielded DNA that, in Pääbo's lab, turned out to be from an entirely new species of hominin called Denisova. This was the first time that a new species had been discovered based on DNA analysis. Further analysis showed that it too had interbred with humans and 6% of human genomes in parts of South East Asia are of Denisovan ancestry. These discoveries throw up philosophical questions on what it means to be a 'species'. Pääbo's win must inspire future biologists in India to pursue deep questions and use science to shed new light rather than compartmentalise themselves in an academic straitjacket.

# Gubernatorial procrastination is unreasonable

**P.D.T. Achary**

is former Secretary General, Lok Sabha

A Bill passed by the State Assembly becomes law only after it is assented to by the Governor. The Governor being a part of the State legislature, the process of law making is complete only when he signs it, signifying his assent. In all democratic countries, similar provision exists in their constitutions. It may look a bit strange that the law-making body does not have the final say in the process of law making and the Bill it passes gets transformed into law only when the Governor assents to it. Thus, the Governor's assent becomes the most crucial act in the whole law-making process.

**The examples of Kerala and Tamil Nadu**

But the Governor's assent has, of late, become a controversial issue in at least two States – Kerala and Tamil Nadu. In Tamil Nadu, the Governor forwarded the Bill for exemption from the National Eligibility cum Entrance Test (NEET) to the President after considerable delay. In Kerala the situation has become a bit curious with the Governor publicly announcing that he would not give assent to the Lokayukta Amendment Bill and the Kerala University Amendment Bill. Such actions by Governors throw the legislative programmes of governments out of gear because of the uncertainty surrounding the assent. Therefore, the question of whether a Governor is permitted by the Constitution to cause uncertainty in the matter of giving assent to the Bills passed by State legislatures assumes great importance.

Article 200 of the Constitution provides certain options for the Governor to exercise when a Bill reaches him from the Assembly. He may give assent or he can send it back to the Assembly requesting it to reconsider some provisions of the Bill, or the Bill itself. In this case, if the Assembly passes the Bill without making any change and sends it back to the Governor, he will have to give assent to it. This provision contained in Article 200 (*proviso*) unambiguously affirms the primacy of the legislature in the legislative exercise. The third option is to reserve the Bill for the consideration of the President. The provision concerned makes it clear that a Bill can be reserved for the consideration of the President only if the Governor forms an opinion that the Bill would endanger the position of the High Court by whittling away its powers. The Constitution does not mention any other type of Bill which is required to be reserved for the consideration of the President. Nevertheless, the courts have conceded a certain discretion to the Governors in the matter of sending Bills to the President. The fourth option, of course, is to withhold the assent. But it is not normally done by any Governor because it would be an extremely unpopular action. The legislature reflects the will of the people and is the constitutionally designated body to make laws. If the Governor who does not reflect in any way the aspirations of the people of the State refuses assent, and thereby defeats the legislative programme of the elected government, it would be against the spirit of the Constitution. The fact that the Constitution does not mention the grounds on which a Governor may withhold assent to a Bill shows that this power should be exercised by the Governor extremely sparingly and after very careful consideration of the consequences of such action.

> When Article 200 of the Constitution is clear about providing certain options for the Governor to exercise when a Bill reaches him from the Assembly, he is required to effect one of the options mentioned

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**Practices overseas**

In this context it would be useful to examine the practice in the United Kingdom. There too royal assent is necessary for a Bill to be passed by Parliament to become law and the crown has the power to withhold assent. But it is a dead letter. By practice and usage there is no power of veto exercised by the crown in England now. Moreover, refusal of royal assent on the ground that the monarchy strongly disapproves of the Bill or that the Bill is very controversial is treated as unconstitutional. In the United States, the President is empowered by the Constitution to refuse assent and return a Bill to the House but if the Houses again pass it with two thirds of each House the Bill becomes law.

The lesson to be drawn from these practices is that refusal of assent is a practice which is not followed in other democratic countries. And in some contexts, it is unconstitutional or the Constitution itself provides a remedy so that the Bill passed by the legislature could become law even after the refusal of assent.

The Indian Constitution, however, does not provide any such remedy. The courts too have more or less accepted the position that if the Governor withholds assent, the Bill will go. Thus, the whole legislative exercise will become fruitless. It does not square with the best practices in old and mature democracies.

**Issue of challenge**

In this context, a legitimate question that arises is whether the government of a State can challenge the refusal of assent by the Governor in a court of law. Article 361 of the Constitution prohibits the court from initiating proceedings against a Governor or the President for any act done in exercise of their powers. They enjoy complete immunity from court proceedings. It is in fact a unique situation where a government is placed in a situation of having to challenge a Governor's action of withholding assent to a Bill. It may be noted that the Governor while declaring that he withholds assent will have to disclose the reason for such refusal. Being a high constitutional authority, the Governor cannot act in an arbitrary manner and, therefore, will have to give reasons for refusing to give assent. If the grounds for refusal disclose *mala fide or extraneous considerations or ultra vires*, the Governor's action of refusal could be struck down as unconstitutional. This point has been settled by a Constitution bench of the Supreme Court in *Rameshwar Prasad and Ors. vs Union Of India and Anr*. The Court held: "the immunity granted by Article 361(1) does not, however, take away the power of the Court to examine the validity of the action including on the ground of malafides".

Of course, the court will not be able to direct the Governor to act in a particular way. Invalidation of the refusal to give assent to a Bill on the ground of *mala fide*, etc. leaves such other options to him to exercise – as mentioned in Article 200.

It is claimed that since the Constitution does not fix any timeline for the Governor to decide the question of assent, he can wait for any length of time without doing anything. This is illogical and militates against the constitutional scheme in respect of law making by the legislatures. Not fixing any time line does not and cannot mean that the Governor can indefinitely sit on the Bill that has been passed by an Assembly. Article 200 does not contain such an option. The Governor is required to exercise one of the options mentioned in that Article. We must understand the purpose of giving options is for the authorities to exercise one of them and not to do something which is not an option at all. All constitutional authorities are required to act in a reasonable manner. Unreasonable acts are unsustainable in law.

# Calamity-prone — urban India's worrying storyline

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The recent floods in Bengaluru have paralysed the city's tech spine. The point has been driven home with viral images of some of the city's most influential people being rescued by tractor and lavish villas under water. Unfortunately, pictures of adverse weather phenomena bringing a city to its knees are becoming increasingly common in India, with the urban authorities concerned finding themselves woefully unprepared every time a new disaster hits.

Similar scenes have played out in Delhi (2013, 2021), Mumbai (2005, 2017), Chennai (2015, 2021), and Hyderabad (2020), leaving behind extensive losses to property and life. In terms of damages, Mumbai reportedly lost ₹14,000 crore between 2005 and 2015 while the figure for Chennai was an estimated ₹15,000 crore in 2015 alone. Added to this are the social and human costs, which almost always disproportionately affect the poorer sections of society as they tend to live in the more environmentally vulnerable areas. Even in the case of Bengaluru, while the media primarily focused on the disruption caused to the Information Technology industry, several informal settlements were also destroyed.

**Piecemeal solutions, old masterplans**

These events are usually met with a slew of knee-jerk reactions and politically motivated accusations. More often than not, river/drain cleanup measures, anti-encroachment drives, and stormwater network projects are proposed by the administrators concerned to appease the public and the media.

A ₹900 crore project was announced in November 2021 by the Karnataka government after flooding in Bengaluru last year. Now, after the recent floods, the municipality has ordered an anti-encroachment drive. While these measures are not unhelpful, they are at best piecemeal solutions to systemic problems stemming from a lack of climate consciousness in the planning process. Unfortunately, the dearth of climate mitigation measures in urban planning and the uncontrolled urban sprawl only make the next calamity more likely.

> To treat the Bengaluru floods as an isolated case would be an urban planning mistake as every key city is in need of a comprehensive climate action plan

Bengaluru has not had a master plan to control its development since 2015 and is unlikely to get a new one before 2025. Across India, 65% of urban settlements do not have a master plan. Where these exist, they usually do not address issues of environmental protection or talk of climate change mitigation. Despite the lack of capacity and bandwidth in State governments to undertake this exercise (report by NITI Aayog in 2021), powers to prepare master plans remain with State governments, with city governments reduced to 'stakeholders' without much authority. While some city administrations have developed drainage/flood mitigation plans, these do not have the statutory backing such as a master plan.

The Drainage Master Plan for Delhi was drafted 46 years ago, in 1976, and a new plan is only just being implemented. In the case of Bengaluru, the drainage lines, as per the 2015 Master Plan, vary significantly from the drains mapped by the municipality. The responsibility of maintaining these and the lakes are split among at least 12 agencies/departments at the State and city level. It is no wonder then that city planning and administration have become a nightmare.

**Flaws in action plans**

Over the last few years, city administrations such as Mumbai, Ahmedabad, and Nagpur (among others) have begun adopting climate action plans. The Mumbai plan is particularly ambitious, covering all aspects of the city's environment – from flooding to air pollution – and aligns itself with the larger national goal of net-zero emissions. However, as the plan lacks any statutory backing, it does not prescribe any regulatory controls and comes across as a series of recommended measures that can be adopted by the authorities/citizens. This crucial flaw is likely to render it toothless. Finally, these plans are usually an expert-driven endeavour, without the critical element of public participation. This further reduces the plan's credibility. The lack of civic consultations also results in a greater focus on proposals such as the removal of encroachments – which disproportionately affect the poor – instead of a focus on other mitigation measures that can be adopted.

**Processes need to be institutionalised**

What is needed is the creation of a comprehensive climate action plan for all key Indian cities and to give these plans statutory backing by bringing them within the ambit of the city's master plan. This would also institutionalise processes such as public consultations within the plan preparation process. Beyond giving it the credibility to withstand administrative and political opposition, consultations will be effective in highlighting issues of underserved neighbourhoods – which are often overlooked in media narratives and by decision-making bodies.

Further, there is a need for an environmental protection agency to proactively tackle issues related to climate change. To make coordinated action possible, this agency would need to be devised as an overarching body along the lines of the unified transportation authority formed by different cities. Unless we address India's urban planning issues on a priority, the country's uncontrolled urban sprawl will only make the next calamity more likely. And more catastrophic.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

**RBI and letter**

It is for the first time in the history of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), and for that reason any central bank, that the Governor of the RBI has said that the RBI's communication to the Government for missing inflation targets and charting out details on when it is likely to achieve the target of 4% (against the prevailing mark of 7%, which is only expected to go up further), will not be available to the public ("RBI says letter to govt. on missing inflation target not to be made public", September 30). With the repo rate having been raised by 190 bps within a very short period of four months (which is unprecedented) and the rupee against the dollar moving fast to touch the 90 mark (despite the RBI's repeated interventions to stabilise the fast weakening rupee at the cost of India's forex reserves), it becomes understandable why the RBI wants to keep its letter away. Perhaps the RBI wants, or wanted, to be blunt in detailing the real reasons for the sorry state of affairs in the country.

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**'Study tours'**

Readers, especially in Kerala, are quite baffled to read about Ministers in the Kerala government going abroad on study tours! The State is deep in the red as far as finances are concerned, with no money to pay even Kerala State Road Transport Corporation staff. One has not come across governments in other States, both near and far, sending their Ministers on 'study tours' on some pretext or other. The ruling party is supposed to be the poor man's party. Are not such tours an additional financial burden?

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**Breakfast scheme**

The article, "Is TN's breakfast scheme populist or pertinent? (OpEd, October 4), took me back to my school days. My formal schooling began in 1944. As my father was in a transferable government job, I studied at the government high school, Balia, government jubilee school, Lucknow, government high school, Mathura and government inter-college, Faizabad — all in Uttar Pradesh. Due to the issue of war financing, the government was on a massive austerity drive and there was strict food grain rationing right up to 1947 and thereafter. Though the British did not need votes to remain in power, we were still given, as a mid-day meal, roasted, boiled and sprouted gram, every day of the week. No one, including the media of the day, ever termed it as freebies or populist, or questioned it as being pertinent.

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# Women's choice: a threat to Iranian state

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In the propagation of the myth of all-round vulnerability of women lies the strength of the Iranian state. It helps perpetuate a dominant male order with control over women's bodies, their attire, speech and movement. The slightest sign of digression, let alone defiance, as in the case of Mahsa Amini who was arrested by morality police for dress code violation, is considered a challenge to age-old male hegemony. Of course, it helps to cloak such a lopsided gender discourse under the blanket of religion. That has been the way through centuries across civilisations. Men order, women acquiesce.

If in India right-wing politicians are trying to deprive girls the freedom to wear hijab to school, the situation is diametrically different in Iran. The men, through the authority of the state, are seeking to keep women under wraps from head to toe, depriving them of their right to choose. Amini's crime was to upset the male hegemony, a supremacy so delicate it could be ripped apart with the mere act of improper wearing or casting off hijab.

It is worth recalling that Prophet Muhammed did not even punish those who failed to turn up for Friday prayers. Why penalise a small misdemeanour by a young lady? The Quran through Surah Nur and Ahzaab provides a general guideline about social conduct and clothes permissible to be worn by both the sexes. Unlike the case of adultery, the book talks of no punitive measures for violation of the dress code, leaving it to the discretion of the Almighty. Further, the Quran explicitly forbids compulsion in religion through select verses of Surah Yasin and Kafirun. What is happening in Iran is a case of state trying to play God.

This strictness of the state in imposing dress code through morality police is not a mystery. At a time when Iranian women are beginning to speak up, particularly about gender discrimination in matters of dress code – a woman taken into detention by morality police is provided a lesson in hijab, then released, as a rule only to a male relative – the authorities wanted to make an example out of Amini. The plan to nip defiance in the bud backfired spectacularly. Not many knew Amini beyond her immediate circle when she was alive. With her death, she became a symbol of the new age Muslim woman taking on a regime that has often been oppressive, not infrequently cruel. Amini became a source of inspiration for women who thronged the streets of Iran, raising slogans, casting their hijab off, with one of them shaving her head and making a flag out of her locks. The reaction of the Iranian authorities was harsh, a mix of metal pellets, water cannons and tear gas lobbed at the protestors. It all stemmed from an overweening desire to perpetuate male monopoly of religion.

**The oppressive regime**

Just as Iran releases women detainees only under the protection of a male family member, for decades, Saudi Arabia did not allow women to drive. Ironically, around the same time, women were quoted the example of Hazrat Khadija, Prophet's first wife. Khadija was a wealthy businesswoman of the 7th century. So widespread was her business empire that she had hired Muhammed (before he became a Prophet) as her manager. Today's Muslim women are urged to be like Khadija in sermons by clerics, but often told to stay in the confines of their homes by the same men. If they do speak out, as in Iran, the result is there for all to see. Incidentally, under Iran's law, hijab was made compulsory for all women in 1983 and its violation attracted a punishment by lashing.

The latest round of repression continues a long series for Iran where the state's harsh punitive measures have compelled many filmmakers, writers and sportspersons, including men, to seek safer abode abroad. Not many would have forgotten the chequered journey of illustrious filmmaker Mohsen Makhmalbaf. He was an active revolutionary figure who was imprisoned and tortured before the 1979 Revolution. Later, when he parted ways with the ruling dispensation with films like *Marriage of the Blessed* and *The Cyclist*, followed by attendance at a festival in Jerusalem, he was forced to migrate from the country. For all his brilliance, he could not make films in Iran anymore. Forget dissent, even disagreement was frowned upon.

Of course, the ongoing protest by Iranian women has given the West a handle to beat Iran with. In the past, the West has been disdainful towards Iran, and selective in speaking for women's rights. Its silence on Muslim women's right to wear hijab and avoidable punitive measures that followed the act in Europe was as wrong as Iran not permitting women the freedom of choice. Not that Indian clerics have been much better. Remember the hue and cry over the length of Sania Mirza's skirts?

Be it the girls in Karnataka or the women on the streets of Tehran, or those in Paris or Brussels, let women decide. Wearing a hijab or not wearing one should never be construed as a challenge to the state. It is a personal choice that should be unconditionally accepted.

> Wearing a hijab or not wearing one should never be construed as a challenge to the state; rather it is a personal choice

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# Tamil Nadu's resourceful party hopper

## Corruption allegations against V. Senthilbalaji are a problem for M.K. Stalin

STATE OF PLAY

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As Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M.K. Stalin goes after some former All India Anna Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (AIADMK) Ministers on corruption charges, he is facing uncomfortable questions on inaction against his cabinet colleague V. Senthilbalaji.

Last week, the Chennai Central Crime Branch police informed the Madras High Court that it had collected sufficient evidence to prove Mr. Senthilbalaji's involvement in a case of "cash for jobs" in the Metropolitan Transport Corporation, which was registered in 2017.

The alleged corruption took place when he was the Transport Minister between 2011 and 2015 in the Jayalalithaa Cabinet. Investigators said they had examined 21 witnesses in one of the three cases booked on similar charges and collected materials indicating the Minister's culpability.

**Restoring the complaint**

Curiously, a year ago, the High Court had quashed the case following a "compromise" between the "bribe-giver" and the "bribe-taker". However, last month the Supreme Court held that this was erroneous and ordered restoration of the criminal complaint. The top court shied away from constituting a Special Investigation Team (SIT) to probe the charges saying "we do hope based on the observations made, the State itself may do the needful".

However, questions are being raised whether the police would be able to act in a free and fair manner against the powerful Minister.




A resourceful party-hopper, Mr. Senthilbalaji's continued rise in politics and proximity to the top leadership in multiple parties has left many politicians surprised and jealous. Born as Senthil Kumar, sporting a trademark vermilion on his forehead, he had joined Vaiko's Marumalarchi Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (MDMK) as a student in the 1990s before embracing the Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (DMK).

By the turn of the millennium, he had donned the AIADMK shawl. He shot to prominence in 2006 when he entered the Assembly from Karur. In 2011, Jayalalithaa inducted him in her Cabinet. At one point, his proximity to her close circles was such that his name too did the rounds as a possible interim successor to Jayalalithaa after she was unseated as Chief Minister and jailed in a corruption case in 2014.

However, things hit a rough patch the following year and she stripped him of ministership. Yet in 2016 she fielded him in Aravakurichi constituency but did not make him a Minister again.

In Karur district, though, he emerged as a strong leader. The DMK at that time detested his clout. In fact, Mr. Stalin, during a campaign, said, "There was a minister in this district, Senthilbalaji... He has Karur under his control in terms of looting, corruption, and taking bribes. Charges of abduction and land grabbing against him are in court. Is it just one or two, there are so many charges."

After Jayalalithaa's death, he was among the 18 AIADMK legislators to be disqualified for backing rebel leader T.T.V. Dhinakaran. Again it was Mr. Senthilbalaji who was among those who mobilised resources, to conduct a mega meeting for the launch of Mr. Dhinakaran's Amma Makkal Munnetra Kazhagam (AMMK).

**Political rise in 2018**

In a shrewd move, he joined the DMK in 2018, quickly gaining Mr. Stalin's confidence, who made him the party incharge for Karur district. The next year he was the lone disqualified legislator to enter the Assembly again on a DMK ticket.

When Mr. Stalin became the Chief Minister in 2021, he rewarded Mr. Senthilbalaji with the portfolios of electricity, prohibition and excise.

Mr. Senthilbalaji's perceived proximity to Mr. Stalin's close family members has made some DMK veterans wary of him. Incidentally, Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) State president K. Annamalai, also from Karur, is a strong critic of the Minister, and has claimed that some DMK leaders themselves had urged him to intensify his attack on Mr. Senthilbalaji.

For Mr. Stalin, it is not easy to ignore the political resourcefulness of Mr. Senthilbalaji, who had helped the DMK consolidate not just in Karur but also sweep the urban local body polls in Coimbatore, a traditional AIADMK stronghold.

Mr. Stalin now has to choose between retaining a political asset and political integrity.

# The Congress' vicissitudes in recent years

## Electoral numbers show the party hitting rock bottom nationally and becoming increasingly irrelevant in States

DATA POINT

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The polling for the Congress presidential election will be held on October 17, 2022, a move by the party to reorganise itself after a long time. Meanwhile, the Bharat Jodo Yatra, the march undertaken by Congress leader Rahul Gandhi, is close to completing a month. Through the 3,570-km and 150-day-long foot march publicised as the Congress party's biggest mass contact programme in recent times, the party hopes to resuscitate its fortunes.

Since 2014, the Indian National Congress (INC) has been facing a sharp decline in seats won in Lok Sabha elections. While it won only 44 seats in the 2014 Lok Sabha elections, the numbers marginally increased to 52 in 2019. Coincidentally, it has lost power in various States where it was a dominant force previously. It has suffered an erosion in its ranks with party members leaving the party. Its support base has also narrowed in the country as vote share has dropped.

**Chart 1** shows the vote share and seats won by the Indian National Congress in the Lok Sabha elections between the first General elections in 1951 after the country attained Independence, and 2019. Between 1951 and 1984, with an exception of 1977, the INC won close to or more than 300 seats consistently, with a vote share higher than 30%.

While the vote share decreased between 1989 and 2009, they managed to win more than 100 seats in every general election during this period. In contrast, in 2014 and 2019, the seats won decreased drastically, with a vote share of less than 20%, indicating a decline in the party's performance as a national party.

This trend was also seen in various other States, with the INC losing 39 out of 49 Assembly elections since 2014.

**Maps 2A** and **2B** show how India's political landscape changed in a span of a decade between 2012 and 2022. In 2012, in 12 out of 28 States in India, the INC was the governing party, while only five States were governed by the BJP. In 2022, the Congress is in power in only two States – Rajasthan and Chhattisgarh – while it is in alliance with the party in government in Tamil Nadu, Bihar and Jharkhand.

In contrast, Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) is in power in 16 States. The Congress held predominance in the Northeast States in 2012. But by 2022, the BJP has managed to wipe out Congress's presence in power in the region.

The Congress has not only lost power in many States but there is also a significant reduction in its overall seat tally in the last decade. **Chart 3** shows the State-wise number of elected INC legislators in each Assembly. The number of Congress legislators in Andhra Pradesh after the third Assembly election in 1962 stood at 185. In the 13th Assembly elections (2009), the number of Congress legislators was 159.

But in the next two State elections (after bifurcation of the State), the number of seats won came down to 0. In Uttar Pradesh, the number of legislators has decreased from 329 in 1980 (eighth Assembly elections) to one in 2022.

While many factors play into its decline, the Congress party's strong resistance against structural changes within it, the crisis in its leadership and its failure to challenge the incumbent government have added to their misfortunes.

The Congress party has touched rock bottom and the attempts to revamp the party through presidential elections besides an outreach – the Bharat Jodo Yatra – seem to be clear ways to get out of the morass.

### Tracing the decline of the grand old party

The charts and maps depict the Congress party's performance in the General elections, Assembly elections and the changes in States governed by the party in a span of ten years. Data show a change in the political landscape of the country, with the Congress seeing a fall in popularity. The data were sourced from the Election Commission of India and the Trivedi Centre for Political Data.

**Chart 1** : Chart shows the vote share (right axis) and seats won (left axis) by the Congress in the Lok Sabha elections between 1951 and 2019

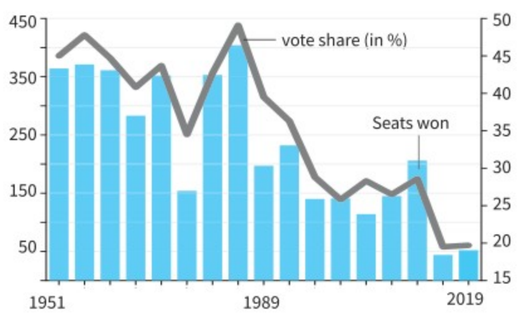
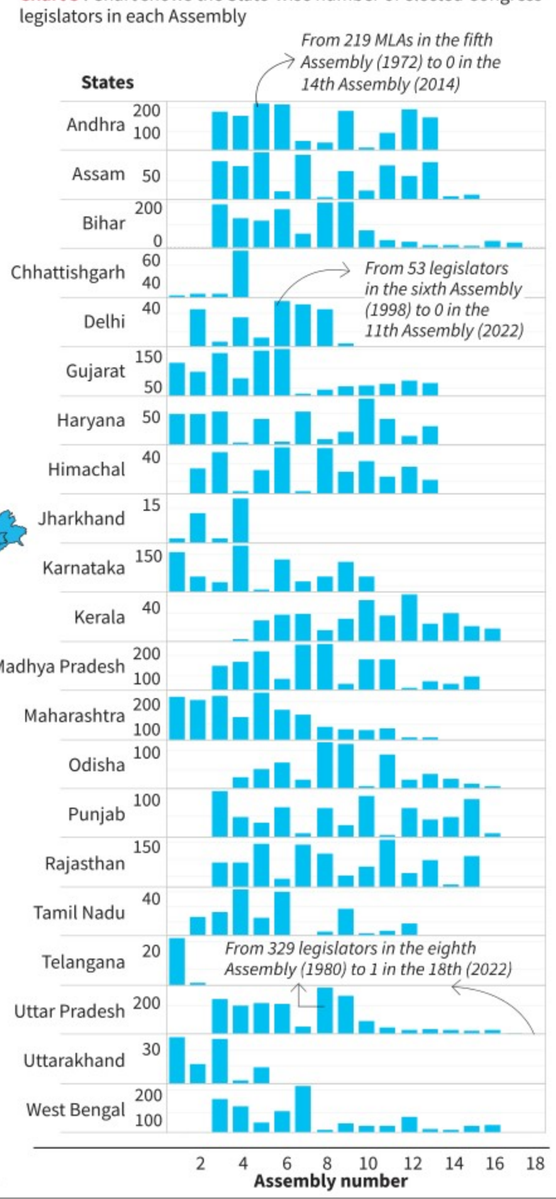
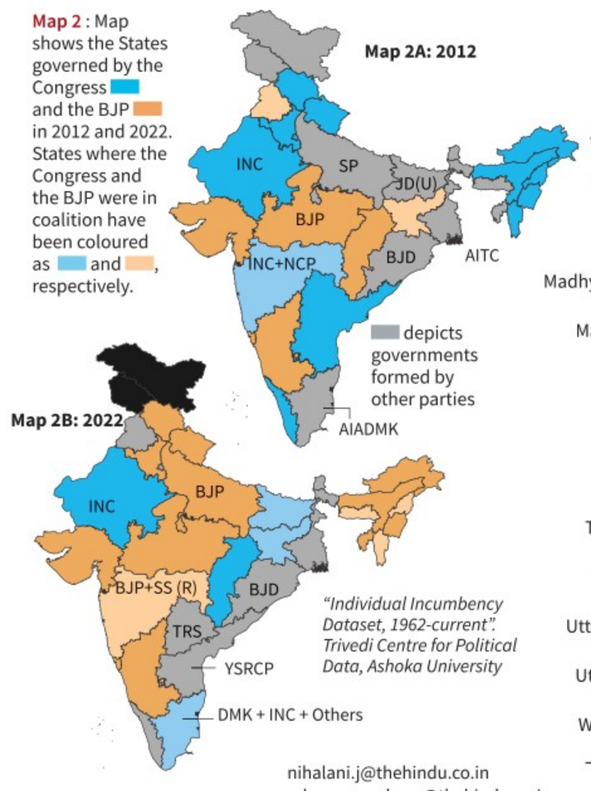



**Chart 3** : Chart shows the State-wise number of elected Congress legislators in each Assembly




**Map 2** : Map shows the States governed by the Congress and the BJP in 2012 and 2022. States where the Congress and the BJP were in coalition have been coloured as and , respectively.

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## UP experiment to breed Gir lions fails

Lucknow, Oct. 5: It has been officially acknowledged that the Gir lions breeding experiment started by the Uttar Pradesh government at the Chandraprabha sanctuary near Varanasi has failed. Not a single lion appears to exist in the 64.75 square km area of the sanctuary. A spokesman of the Forest Department said here to-day that he guessed the lions might have been poisoned or killed by villagers to save their cattle. One of the lions might have escaped the adjoining forest area of Bihar. The spokesman said the State government was now thinking of creating another sanctuary at some other suitable place in the State to repeat the experiment. A committee of experts appointed by the State government to probe the causes of failure of the Chandraprabha experiment had suggested that the Gir lion breeding experiment should not be repeated in the same area. The Chandraprabha sanctuary was created in 1956 to multiply the dwindling species of Gir lions. A lion and two lionesses were requisitioned from the then Saurashtra Government and released in the sanctuary. The spokesman claimed that the population of Gir lions in the sanctuary rose to 11 by 1965-66. But nothing was heard about them thereafter till recently when it was found that there was hardly any lion in the sanctuary. He explained that mass grazing by cattle and lack of water probably forced the wildlife to shift to other areas resulting in the dearth of prey for the lions. Finding no prey, the lions jumped the barbed wire fencing and killed cattle in nearby villages. The government, he said, had been paying compensation to the owner for each such kill. However, the payments were stopped when villagers started misusing the facility.

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO OCTOBER 6, 1922

## Visit to Yerovada

Bombay, Oct. 5: In order to pay her periodical visits in Yerovada to her husband, Mrs. Gandhi arrived at Poona and was accorded a cordial reception at the station arranged by the Local Congress Committee. She visited many places of nationalist interest, particularly the Tilak Political Institute. After seeing Mahatmaji in jail, it is understood she will address a gathering on Khadi and Non-violence this evening.

## From Page One

### Will listen to Kashmir not Pakistan, says Shah

The Union Minister said the Modi model for Kashmir was peace, development and harmony. "The Gupkar model gave us the Pulwama attack and the Modi model set up a hospital worth ₹2,000 crore in Pulwama. The Gupkar model is for stones in hands, closed colleges and machine guns in youth's hands. The Modi model is implementing ₹56,000 investments on the ground," Mr. Shah said.

He named the Abdullahs and the Muftis and held them responsible for the youth choosing stones and guns.

Referring to former Chief Minister Mehbooba Mufti's tweet, Mr. Shah said, "Let Ms. Mufti and Mr. Abdullah open their ears. What have you given to J&K in 75 years? Democracy was restricted to 87 legislators and six Members of Parliament, we made 30,000 people join the democratic process by taking electoral process to grassroots level, from panchayat to tehsil," he said.

Mr. Shah said L-G Manoj Sinha and Mr. Modi's efforts on the development front was visible on the smiling faces of people of J&K.

### Nobel for work on 'click chemistry'

Mr. Sharpless joins an elite band of scientists who have won two Nobel prizes. The other individuals are John Bardeen who won the Physics prize twice, Marie Curie, who won Physics and Chemistry, Linus Pauling who won Chemistry and Peace and Frederick Sanger who won the Chemistry prize twice.

The awards in physics were given for "experiments with entangled photons, establishing the violation of Bell inequalities and pioneering quantum information science", the academy said.

# Four militants, civilian killed in Valley during Shah's visit

Three of the militants affiliated to the Jaish-e-Muhammad and one to the Lashkar-e-Taiba, say police; ADGP says man killed in accidental firing of the pistol of a policeman in Pulwama

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**Collateral damage:** Residents inspecting a house which was damaged in an encounter in Shopian district on Wednesday. The building was allegedly used as a hideout by terrorists. PTI

Four militants were killed in two anti-militancy operations in Shopian, while one civilian was killed in "accidental' police firing at a checkpoint in Pulwama on Wednesday.

Three of the militants were affiliated to the Jaish-e-Muhammad (JeM) and one was to the Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT). They were killed in two operations in the Drach and Moolu areas of Shopian.

The killings has taken the number of militants killed in the run-up to Union Home Minister Amit Shah's J&K visit to nine in the past one week.

Additional Director-General of Police Vijay Kumar identified the slain LeT militant as Hanan Bin Yaqoob. "The slain terrorists, Yaqoob and Jamshed, were involved in the recent killing of SPO Javed Dar at Pinglana in Pulwama on October 2 and a labourer from West Bengal in Pulwama on September 24," he said.

Explaining the cause of death of the civilian in Pulwama, the police said that a rifle of a policeman "accidentally went off" resulting in injuries to Muhammad Asif Padroo from Poterwaal in Shopian. He died of injuries.

"A case has been registered and the policeman has been arrested," Mr. Vijay Kumar said.

"Asif paid with his life in the name of ensuring security for HM's visit," Peoples Democratic Party president Mehbooba Mufti said. "An overcautious and paranoid security apparatus in J&K has snuffed out an innocent life in Pulwama today. The need to prove normalcy overrides the sanctity of lives here. For how long will people of J&K bear a human cost to further Government of India's 'all is well' agenda."

Mr. Shah reviewed security in Srinagar and directed the forces and the police "to proactively conduct coordinated counter-terrorism operations, to fulfil Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of a prosperous and peaceful J&K".

He exhorted the security forces "to continue with coordinated efforts through meticulous and well-planned counter-terrorism operations to wipe out terrorism".

# Uncertainty lingers, Gehlot tries to show all is well in his State

**Mohammed Iqbal**
**Sobhana K. Nair**
JAIPUR/DELHI

Almost a week after the Congress central leadership left the question of a change of guard in Rajasthan open, Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot is trying to project an image of continuity by packing his schedule with official meetings, overseeing preparations for the Invest Rajasthan Summit-2022 in Jaipur on October 7-8, and even hinting that he will present the State's Budget next year as well. Speculation is rife that the Rajasthan question will be settled after October 19, when the new president takes over.

Mr. Gehlot's business-as-usual approach comes even as some MLAs who earlier stood by him are now signalling a rethink in favour of the rival claimant for the top post, Sachin Pilot. The former Deputy CM is busy mending fences with detractors and consolidating support. On Monday night, he visited Cabinet Minister Pratap Singh Kachariyawas, who has been a vociferous advocate for Mr. Gehlot in the current crisis.

The Chief Minister's diminished stature after his supporters boycotted a Congress Legislature Party meeting on September 25 is also causing a churn. "On September 25, Gehlot was not only the outgoing Chief Minister, he was also in a way Congress president-designate. Which MLA would want to challenge his authority at such a stage?" said a legislator who proclaims his neutrality from the two camps.

Many in the party central leadership feel there should be action against Mr. Gehlot for undermining the "institution" of Congress president. "The decision to pick the next Rajasthan Chief Minister after Gehlot was the last one Sonia Gandhi would have taken as the president of the party. Gehlot denied her this chance," a Lok Sabha MP said.

The Gehlot camp, however, continues to be confident that the Chief Minister's writ will prevail. "He has already been punished. He publicly apologised , which is a big thing. And secondly, he missed out on the historic opportunity to be Congress president. He has already paid a hefty price..," said a Rajasthan Congress leader.

# Congress MLA in Gujarat resigns, set to join BJP

**The Hindu Bureau**
AHMEDABAD

Harshad Ribadia, a two-time Congress MLA from the Visavadar constituency in Saurashtra region, who resigned on Tuesday, is set to join the ruling BJP on Thursday. He will be inducted into the party at the BJP office by the State party chief C.R. Paatil.

Mr. Ribadia on Tuesday evening met Assembly Speaker Nimaben Acharya and submitted his resignation.

A prominent Patidar leader who also served as the chairman of Gujarat Congress farmers wing, he won the Visavadar seat in 2014 and 2017.

# Architect of new Parliament says completing the project properly is the priority

**Damini Nath**
NEW DELHI

With the November deadline looming for the completion of the new Parliament building, the architect of the project said all involved were working hard to achieve the target on time but completing it properly was the priority.

Architect Bimal Patel, whose firm, HCP Design, Planning and Management, is the Central Public Works Department's design consultant for the entire Central Vista redevelopment plan that includes the new Parliament building, told *The Hindu* in an interview on Tuesday that the project was a complex one.

Work on the new Parliament Building complex project in New Delhi in full swing.

"For a building of this complexity and finish, 21 months is a very short time. So everybody is working hard to get it done. The ambition, aspiration and hard work are there. But it's just a very, very difficult project. Anybody in the industry will tell you that what has been achieved as of now is remarkable. If it takes a little bit more to ensure that it gets done correctly, then that is what should be and what will be," Mr. Patel said.

According to the Housing and Urban Affairs Ministry, the deadline for the project was November this year so that the Winter session of Parliament could be held in the new building.

# Pitch on cost of poll promises not linked to freebie debate: EC official

**The Hindu Bureau**
NEW DELHI

The proposal by the Election Commission that political parties disclose the financial ramifications of promises in their manifestos was not linked to the debate on freebies, but was aimed at improving the implementation of the existing guidelines, a top EC official said on Wednesday.

The EC had on Tuesday written to the heads of recognised national and State parties to seek their views on its proposal that parties provide details of the cost and impact of promises they make during elections.

While the model code of conduct guidelines already require parties to explain the rationale behind their promises, the declarations did not provide adequate information, the EC's letter said.

Instead, the EC proposed a format for the parties to declare the information, including the extent of coverage of a promise and the cost to the exchequer, the ways in which it would be paid for and the implications for the State or Union government's finances.

A day after the EC wrote its letter, the CPI(M) hit out against it, terming it an "unwarranted move". The EC had recently declined to be a part of a committee to examine the issue of freebies as proposed by the Supreme Court, which was hearing a public interest litigation plea seeking regulation of freebies announced by parties.

In July, Prime Minister Narendra Modi's statement that offering freebies was dangerous for the development of the country had stoked debate.

The top EC official said the proposed addition to the model code of conduct had been in the works for some time.

Not only would parties be required to fill in the proforma, the States and Union governments would provide information on the receipts and expenditure, which would bring "the government's fiscal health into the political discourse", the official said.

# EPF members can't see interest due to software upgrade, says Ministry

**Vikas Dhoot**
NEW DELHI

Members of the Employees' Provident Fund (EPF) are unable to view interest credits of 8.1% for 2021-22 in their retirement savings accounts due to "a software upgrade" to ring in a tax on PF savings over ₹2.5 lakh a year introduced in the Budget 2021-22, the Union Finance Ministry said.

"There is no loss of interest for any subscriber. The interest is being credited in the accounts of all EPF subscribers. However, that is not visible..." the Ministry said, citing the software upgrade being implemented by the Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO).

"For all outgoing subscribers seeking settlement and for subscribers seeking withdrawal, the payments are being done inclusive of the interest," the Ministry said in response to a tweet from Infosys co-founder Mohandas Pai.

Mr. Pai said, "Dear EPFO, where is my interest?... need reforms! Why should citizens suffer because of bureaucratic inefficiency? Pl[ease] help."

For 2020-21, the EPFO Board had approved an annual dividend of 8.5% for crores of EPF members, but that was only credited into their accounts by December 2021.

In March 2022, the EPF rate for 2021-22 was slashed to 8.1%, the lowest level since 1977-78.

# 32 dead in Uttarakhand bus accident, CM announces ex gratia of ₹2 lakh

**Ishita Mishra**
NEW DELHI

The death toll in the accident in which a bus carrying a marriage party fell into a gorge in Pauri Garhwal district of Uttarakhand reached 32 on Wednesday.

Shekhar Suyal, Deputy Superintendent of Police, Kotdwar, said the bus was on its way to Pauri from Haridwar when it fell into the gorge near the Birokhal area of Dhumakot under Kotdwar block on Tuesday night.

**On call:** Pushkar Singh Dhami overseeing rescue operations at the site of a bus accident in Pauri Garhwal district on Wednesday. PTI

"We have rescued all those who were there in the vehicle and now the spot is being investigated to know the cause of the accident," Mr. Suyal said.

Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami also visited the accident spot on Wednesday and announced an ex gratia of ₹2 lakh for the next of kin of the deceased and ₹50,000 for the injured. "The State government and all its agencies are working round the clock with all the agencies of the Government of India to provide rescue and relief to all those affected by this accident," he said.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi also expressed condolences to the families of the victims. "The bus accident in Pauri is heartrending. In this tragic hour, my thoughts are with the bereaved families," the Prime Minister said .

# Police flog men who 'disturbed' garba event

**The Hindu Bureau**
AHMEDABAD

A video clip has gone viral of policemen in Ahmedabad publicly flogging a few men who allegedly threw stones injuring six persons and damaging vehicles including a police car to disturb a Navratri Garba event.

According to the police, a few people from the minority community tried to prevent the Garba event which was held near a mosque and a temple. Nine persons were publicly flogged by the cops amid cheering from people who gathered when the policemen started caning the accused in the open.

# 10 dead as avalanche strikes mountaineers in Uttarakhand

**The Hindu Bureau**
NEW DELHI

Four bodies have been recovered and six more spotted, and 27 people are missing after a team from the Nehru Institute of Mountaineering (NIM) was hit by an avalanche at the *Draupadi Ka Danda*-2 peak in Uttarkashi district of Uttarakhand on Tuesday. The team was part of the institute's advance training course.

Director-General of Police (DGP), Uttarakhand, Ashok Kumar, told *The Hindu* that an avalanche had struck at an altitude of around 17,000 feet at 8.45 a.m. on Tuesday, when a team of 54 trainee mountaineers and seven instructors from the Uttarkashi-based NIM was returning after reaching the summit.

"In two days, with the efforts of all top agencies like the IAF (Indian Air Force), ITBP (Indo Tibetan Border Police), SDRF (State Disaster Response Force), NDRF (National Disaster Response Force), and NIM officials, we managed to rescue 14 people. Bodies of four people have been brought to the base camp, and six more bodies were spotted," Mr. Kumar said.

Rescue operations have been halted for the night due to darkness and inclement weather, the DGP said, adding that the ITBP and IAF teams had managed to reach near the accident spot, and rescue operations will start again on Thursday.

According to an NIM statement, the people hit by the avalanche were part of the organisation's Advance Mountaineering Course which started on September 14.

**Hands-on**

"As per course training schedule, after the revision of Rock-Climbing Training at NIM and Tekhla Rock climbing Training area the course moved to mountain on September 23rd with 34 trainees along with 07 mountaineering instructors Total 41 and 01 Nursing Assistant," the NIM statement said.

Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami visited the State Disaster Management Authority office at the Secretariat for an update. He cancelled all his programmes for Wednesday, and announced an *ex-gratia* of ₹2 lakh for the kin of the deceased and ₹50,000 for injured.

# Mumbai Dasara rallies become a free for all, Shinde and Uddhav hurl barbs at each other

In a mega showdown over who inherits Bal Thackeray's legacy, Maharashtra Chief Minister calls his predecessor a betrayer and alleges that his 'compromises' are in opposition to the ideals of party founder; Uddhav returns compliment, saying Shinde faction is a group of traitors, parasites

**Abhinay Deshpande**
MUMBAI

**Show of strength:** An aerial view of the Uddhav Thackeray faction's Dasara rally held at the Shivaji Park in Mumbai on Wednesday. EMMANUAL YOGINI

The fight for the legacy of Shiv Sena between the warring factions of Uddhav Thackeray and Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde reached a crescendo with the "show of strength" at the Dasara rallies barely 6 km apart from one another in Mumbai on Wednesday.

Significantly, the common factor in the speeches delivered by Mr. Uddhav and Mr. Shinde was Hindutva, betrayal, dynastic succession and who inherited the true ideals and values espoused by party patriarch Bal Thackeray.

Mr. Uddhav, who addressed the rally at traditional Shivtirth (Shivaji Park), called his former party colleagues in Shinde's camp 'traitors'.

The Chief Minister hit back at him and said that he is not a traitor and the huge crowds at Bandra Kurla Complex, where he was addressing his supporters, proved who the real Shiv Sainiks are. "Go and kneel down at Balasaheb's memorial and apologise for betraying the people of Maharashtra," he said.

Mr. Uddhav called Shinde's faction a group of parasites who do not have an identity or their own roots and cannot aim to be a big tree. Comparing rebel Sena leaders with the famous character in the *Bahubali* movie 'Katappa', Mr. Uddhav said people whom he trusted with responsibilities when he was hospitalised became 'Katappa' and betrayed him.

"This is the only thing I feel bad and angry about. When I was in hospital, they thought I would never come back," he said.

Interspersed with jibes at the Congress, Nationalist Congress Party chief Sharad Pawar, and 'the appeasement towards traitors and divisive forces', Mr. Shinde alleged that Mr. Uddhav's 'compromises' were totally in opposition to the ideals preached and practised by Balsaheb.

About 60,000 Shiv Sainiks were at Shivtirth for Uddhav Thackeray's rally, while nearly 80,000 were present at Chief Minister Eknath Shinde's rally.

What caught the eyes of Shiv Sainiks at BKC was Bal Thackeray's son Jaidev Thackeray sharing the stage with Mr. Shinde and other rebel leaders. Mr. Jaidev Thackeray's estranged wife Smita was also present at the rally, along with Nihar, son of the late Bindumadhav Thackeray, Mr. Uddhav's eldest brother.

Over the claim as to who inherits the true legacy of Bal Thackeray, Mr. Eknath said "this Shiv Sena belongs to neither Uddhav Thackeray nor Eknath Shinde, but to millions of Shiv Sainkis who carry on the ideals of Balasaheb."

## Is RSS ready for a woman chief, asks Digvijaya

**The Hindu Bureau**
NEW DELHI

Former Madhya Pradesh and Congress leader Digvijaya Singh asked on Wednesday if the RSS was ready to have woman chief.

Reacting to the Vijaydashmi speech of Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh chief Mohan Bhagwat during which he stressed on women empowerment, Mr. Singh put out a series of tweets to question Mr. Bhagwat.

"Would they [RSS] give up their agenda of Hindu Rashtra? Would they appoint a woman as *sarsanghchalak*? Would the next *sarsanghchalak* be a non Konkast/Chitpawan/ Brahmin?" Mr. Singh asked.

## 'No terror angle to death of J&K DGP'

**The Hindu Bureau**
JAMMU

The J&K Police on Wednesday said there was no terror angle to the recent murder of Director-General of Police Prisons H.K. Lohia, who was found dead in a house in Jammu two days ago.

## Religion-based population balance can no longer be ignored: Mohan Bhagwat

**The Hindu Bureau**
NEW DELHI

Mohan Bhagwat

Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) chief Mohan Bhagwat on Wednesday said India needed a population-control policy that was applicable to all for the next 50 years to make population an "asset" for the country. He said religion-based population balance was an important subject that could no longer be ignored.

Speaking at a programme held as part of the RSS's foundation day celebration at Reshimbaug in Nagpur, Mr. Bhagwat asked how India would feed its people after 50 years and what kind of education and healthcare would be provided if the population continued to grow.

"Our country has a huge population - this is a reality. Populations require resources and if it keeps growing it becomes a big burden. Therefore, with the perspective of population control, plans are made," he said, citing China's efforts to control population. He added that the number of children was linked to maternal health, education and financial status of a family.

Mr. Bhagwat said three countries – East Timor, South Sudan and Kosovo – had come into existence in the 21st century as a result of population imbalance in certain territories of Indonesia, Sudan and Serbia.

Mr. Bhagwat once again termed the Udaipur and Amravati killings "heinous crimes", and added that the whole society was shocked, sad and angry with such incidents.

Mr. Bhagwat said there was scare-mongering among the minorities that there was a danger to them. "They say *sangh wale marenge*... This is neither the nature of the Sangh nor of Hindus. The Sangh has a steely resolve to stand on the side of brotherhood, amity and peace," he said.

Taking forward the RSS's outreach to the Dalit community, Mr. Bhagwat said "temple, water and cremation" should be the same for all.

"We need to stop fighting for who will ride horse in weddings and who will not," he said.

## Centre awaits Cong. nomination to notify two House panels

**The Hindu Bureau**
NEW DELHI

**Parliamentary panels on Chemicals and Fertilizers and Commerce were offered to the party**

On Tuesday, in a rejig of parliamentary standing committees, the BJP and its allies retained control of the key panels on Finance, External Affairs, Defence and Home, but the composition of the Commerce and Chemicals and Fertilizers panels was not notified.

According to sources, the Central government offered the chairmanship of the two committees to the Congress, which is yet to name its MPs to head the panels.

The government, sources said, conveyed to the Congress nearly a month ago that the party would not get the panel on Home, till now headed by its Rajya Sabha member Abhishek Manu Singhvi, and one on information technology, headed by Lok Sabha member Shashi Tharoor.

"We will wait for a reasonable amount of time for the Congress to forward the names of heads for these two committees. If they fail to do so, we will be forced to hand over the chairmanship of these committees to the other parties," a senior official at the Parliamentary Affairs Ministry said.

The Congress has already registered a strong protest with Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla and Leader of the House in the Rajya Sabha Piyush Goyal.

In the reshuffle, the DMK has gained one standing committee and will now be heading the panel on Industry, which was till now with the Telangana Rashtra Samithi.

## INBRIEF

### Mehbooba Mufti, Omar react sharply to Shah's J&K speech

Jammu and Kashmir parties, including the National Conference (NC) and the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP), have reacted sharply to the speech made by Union Home Minister Amit Shah during a rally in Baramulla where he referred to "the Abdullah and sons and Muftis and company". Mr. Shah, in his speech, accused the NC and the PDP of driving youth towards stones and guns in Kashmir. NC vice-president Omar Abdullah said, "Amit Shah *ji* says 'Gupkar model gave us Pulwama attack'. Just to remind everyone that the Pulwama attack happened when J&K was under Central [BJP] rule." PDP chief Mehbooba Mufti said, "Mr. Shah forgets that Mufti *sahab* was Chief Minister for just three-and-a-half years and doesn't need validation from him for his work. Even after ruling J&K directly since 2018, the BJP has nothing to show except their broken record of dynastic rule."

### 'Bihar municipal polls only after quotas are restored'

A day after Patna High Court observed that quotas in the municipal body polls were "illegal" in Bihar, the ruling Janata Dal(U) on Wednesday said that municipal elections in the State would now be held only after "reservations for Other Backward Classes and Extremely Backward Classes, set aside by the court, are restored". There is no illegality in the quotas, and they were introduced by the Nitish Kumar government in 2006, said JD(U) president Rajiv Ranjan Singh and party's Parliamentary Board chairman Upendra Kushwaha. They raised suspicion about the role of the BJP in the issue, alleging that the party had always opposed quotas. On a check of the background of the petitioners who had challenged the reservation, their link with the BJP would come to the fore. Several BJP leaders had celebrated the order in private, they said.

### General PF rate retained at 7.1% for October- Dec. quarter

The government has retained the interest rate on General Provident Fund (GPF) savings at 7.1% for the October-to-December quarter, making it the 11th successive quarter of status quo in rates paid out on government employees' retirement savings. The Finance Ministry notified the 7.1% GPF rate, which also applies to other provident funds for government employees, including those serving in the Railways and the Armed Forces, on Monday. Last week, minor hikes of 0.1 to 0.3 percentage points were announced on a few small savings schemes such as the Senior Citizens' Savings Scheme for the current quarter, but the return on the popular Public Provident Fund was left untouched at 7.1%. The GPF rate was last tweaked in the first quarter of 2020-21, when it was slashed from 7.9% to 7.1%.

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## INBRIEF

### Pilot killed as Army chopper crashes near Tawang

An Army Aviation pilot was killed after a Cheetah helicopter on a routine sortie in the forward area near Tawang in Arunachal Pradesh crashed on Wednesday morning. "Both the pilots were evacuated to nearest Military Hospital. With regret we inform that one of the pilots who was critically injured succumbed to the injuries during treatment," the Defence spokesperson in Tezpur said. The second pilot is under treatment, he added. The cause of the crash at this stage is not known and the details are being ascertained, the spokesperson added. Army Aviation currently operates nearly 190 Cheetah, Chetak and Cheetal helicopters, with five of them, the oldest, being over 50 years old.

### Mukesh Ambani's family receives another threat call

A call was received on the landline number of Sir H.N. Reliance Foundation Hospital on Wednesday threatening members of the family of Reliance Industries Ltd. chairman Mukesh Ambani. The call was reportedly made at 12.57 p.m. and the caller threatened to blow up the hospital. Mumbai police officials said a complaint has been registered at the D.B. Marg police station. Deputy Commissioner of Police, Zone 2, Neelotpal told *The Hindu*, "A threat call has been received on the landline of the hospital, and we are registering an FIR." A similar threat call was made at the same hospital on August 15 and the caller was arrested.

### PM opens Bilaspur AIIMS, promises affordable care

Inaugurating the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) in Bilaspur in Himachal Pradesh, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said the Centre was working to bring affordable health care to remote locations. He said the government wanted to ensure ease of living for the poor and the middle class and minimise their medical expenses. Mr. Modi laid the foundation stone of the Medical Device Park at Nalagarh. The AIIMS, Bilaspur, has been constructed at a cost of ₹1,470 crore. The 750-bed hospital offers 18 specialty and 17 super-specialty departments, a release from the Health Ministry said.

### NCW notice to Cong. Minister over remarks against BJP MP

The National Commission for Women (NCW) has issued a notice to Chhattisgarh Minister Tamradhwaj Sahu, seeking an explanation on his remarks on Saroj Pandey, a BJP Rajya Sabha member from the State. Mr. Sahu had last week made the remark after Ms. Pandey raised the issue of dilapidated condition of roads in the Congress-ruled Chhattisgarh. While she had blamed Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel and Mr. Sahu, who also holds the Public Works Department portfolio - for the bad condition of roads, Mr. Sahu used the word "charming" while countering these claims. Later, Ms. Pandey termed the remarks objectionable and sexist.

# 'Caves of Bandhavgarh not Buddhist'

These were created mainly by men of commerce and craftspeople, and very occasionally by kings, says Ashoka University Professor

INTERVIEW

**Nayanjot Lahiri**

Sreeparna Chakrabarty

The Archaeological Survey of India recently announced its findings on exploration in the Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve of Madhya Pradesh. The ASI said it documented second century Buddhist caves and eighth and ninth century Hindu temples in the region. Sculptures depicting the 10 avatars of Vishnu were described.

In a statement on September 29, Ashoka University had said that "the work of Nayanjot Lahiri, Professor of History, precedes the claims of ASI as evidenced in a peer-reviewed publication that appeared in *Current Science*". Prof. Lahiri elaborates on the findings.

**Can you please explain the significance of the findings at the Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve. Both the Buddhist and the Hindu relics.**

A better way to put it is to explain the significance of the ancient and medieval relics. The caves are not Buddhist. One only has to compare them with early rock-cut monasteries in India to realise that if these were made for the Buddhist monastic community, there should be memorial stupas and carvings that have an overtly Buddhist character. We documented 81 caves, 50 of which had been mentioned by N.P. Chakravarti in his pioneering publication in 1955-56 – the same one which mentioned names like Mathura and Kausambi figuring in the inscriptions that are there. The significance of the caves is that they are the first dwellings systematically created in this

part of the forest in the 2nd century BCE.

What our work revealed is that they are on the north side of the Bandhavgarh hill and several smaller hills in its vicinity there. There are caves near the Chakradhara meadow, on the hill ridges and near the plateau. These were caves created mainly by men of commerce and craftspeople, and very occasionally by kings. One epigraph describes the cave as a *sarthika lata* or cave for caravan people. The creators also made tanks near the caves and one cave was described as a *vayamasala* or gymnasium. This is mentioned by Chakravarti.

**How and why did your team decide to explore the Bandhavgarh area? Any particular incident or event which prompted that or was it a purely academic decision?**

If you look at the website of the Centre for Interdisciplinary Archaeological Research, it would be evident that we have a long-term project on forests, and exploring Bandhavgarh stems from that interest. The archaeology of historical India has usually been visualised through explorations and excavations of ancient cities and farming settlements, within the overarching presence of states and empires. Forests and wilderness counteract the enclosed spaces of those urban and rural worlds but rarely figure in such accounts. This has meant that large expanses of forests and wild places that carry early markers of human use have not centrally figured in such research. So, in March 2021, we decided to start our field work - by concentrating on Bandhavgarh.

**Was there any collaboration between other teams, for example the ASI, and the Ashoka University team while exploring the area?**

The ASI was fully aware that we had been exploring Bandhavgarh since March 2021. In fact, they even used the Forest Department staff who we had relied on – asking them to be taken to the places where we had gone. This is what we were told.

**Is there any significance of the discovery of second century caves in the area, specially since Hindu temples and statues are all from the eighth and ninth centuries.**

What happens from the 8th century CE onwards is that the nature of the human signature changes. And that is the significance of the medieval relics. If commercial people and their donations were the most conspicuous markers of the 2nd century CE with nothing overtly religious in the caves, a Hindu religious landscape now comes into view. Temples in large numbers, to begin with dedicated to Shiva, were built atop the plateau, on the hill slopes below and in the flatlands. A couple of centuries later, a minister in the court of King Yuvarajadeva got a Vishnu image (the Seshshayi) and several avatars of Vishnu – Varaha, Matsya and Kasyapa – with inscriptions in their vicinity put up.

*(Full interview on bit.ly/cavehistory)*

# 'Indian firm's cough syrups may be tied to 66 deaths in Gambia'

**Bindu Shajan Perappadan**
NEW DELHI

**WHO suspects link to acute kidney injuries and deaths of 66 children in the West African nation**

The World Health Organization (WHO) on Wednesday issued a medical product alert over four cough and cold syrups made by Maiden Pharmaceuticals in India, warning they could be linked to acute kidney injuries and deaths of 66 children in the Gambia, a West African nation.

According to reports, the global health body said it is conducting further investigation with the company and regulatory authorities in India.

"Laboratory analysis of samples of each of the four products confirms that they contain unacceptable amounts of diethylene glycol and ethylene glycol as contaminants," the WHO said and warned that while the contested products had so far been found in the Gambia, the same could have been distributed to other countries.

Reacting to the WHO statement, a senior Health Ministry official confirmed to *The Hindu* that the organisation on September 29 informed Drugs Controller General of India (DCGI) that it is currently providing technical assistance and advice to the Gambia, where children have been suspected to have died and a significant contributing factor is suspected to be the use of medicines which may have been contaminated with diethylene glycol or ethylene glycol (this has been confirmed in some of the samples by further analysis conducted by WHO).

Urgent investigation into the matter has been already taken up by the drug regulator with the State regulatory authorities immediately after receiving communication from the WHO based on the available information, he said.

"Further, a detailed investigation was launched to ascertain the facts and details in the matter in collaboration with the State Drugs Controller, Haryana (the State Drug Control Authority concerned)," the source stated.

# We are aware of our mistakes, will try course correction: BYJU's co-founder

**Mini Tejaswi**
BENGALURU

"When you are building a company, the road will always be bumpy and sailing can never be smooth, especially when one is not following a cut-paste model," says Divya Gokulnath, co-founder of edtech firm BYJU's.

In response to a query from *The Hindu* on the recent challenges in front of the edutech platform, Ms. Gokulnath said the environment and appetite for online learning had massively changed after the pandemic, a change that was largely to do with awareness and market requirements.

"BYJU's is the one that created a rule book for the edutech space in this country. We are not a cut-paste model, nor a China model copied. Instead, we are built on the first principle," said Ms. Gokulnath, wife of Byju Raveendran, CEO and co-founder of BYJU's.

"Prior to the pandemic, we were just BYJU's learning app. Then we have been in a constant state of flux and improvement. During and after the pandemic, we have expanded our portfolio, and product offerings, introduced newer formats, entered other geographies and introduced more languages," she explained.

> Our revenue recognition model has changed and some 40% of revenue has gone to the subsequent years; that's why our losses in FY2021 looked so magnified
>
> **DIVYA GOKULNATH**
> BYJU's co-founder

"We have added more businesses to our core business organically and inorganically to add value and increase the breadth and depth of our platform to help learners in multiple geographies."

Ms. Gokulnath said the past 18 months had been the most exciting period for BYJU's in terms of successful business expansion and growth. "We opened 50 hybrid learning centres and launched 12 languages. Traditional learning institutes would have taken 30 years to do what we have done in this short span of time," she said.

Responding to another query on certain customer concerns over BYJU's, she said the platform had been servicing a large pool of customers and there could be isolated cases and anecdotal evidence of customers not being happy.

"We didn't know two million students would download us when we launched BYJU's app because at that time everything was an app. Today, a large community of 17.5 million students is learning with us. There could be isolated cases where we made mistakes, we are aware of them and we will look at course correction," she added. BYJU's follows a three-level process before any sale is finalised to minimise any issues. Also, 96% of student and parent queries are closed in 48 hours, she clarified.

Ms. Gokulnath said BYJU's was exploring further acquisitions around its main spectrum of early learning. The firm would scout for "strengtheners" and they could be a good tech or a virtual reality firm which would add value to the platform and help scale and reach newer geographies, she said. "We are currently in talks with several firms in multiple geographies for inorganic play while we are also expanding our focus on Latin America, Australia, New Zealand, the U.K., Mexico and Brazil," she added.

On the financial performance of BYJU's, she said auditors had taken a lot of time to finalise the financials largely because of the complexity involved in the consolidation of businesses. "Our revenue recognition model has changed and some 40% of revenue has gone to the subsequent years, that's why our losses in FY2021 looked so magnified," she said.

The company is expecting its FY2022 revenues to be in the range of ₹10,000 crore and the current year's revenue to be ₹17,000 crore. "Experimentation and failing are encouraged, that is the spirit of entrepreneurship. Our losses have already halved. We are on a path to profitability and our core business has always been running on the track," she said.

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(set by Arden)

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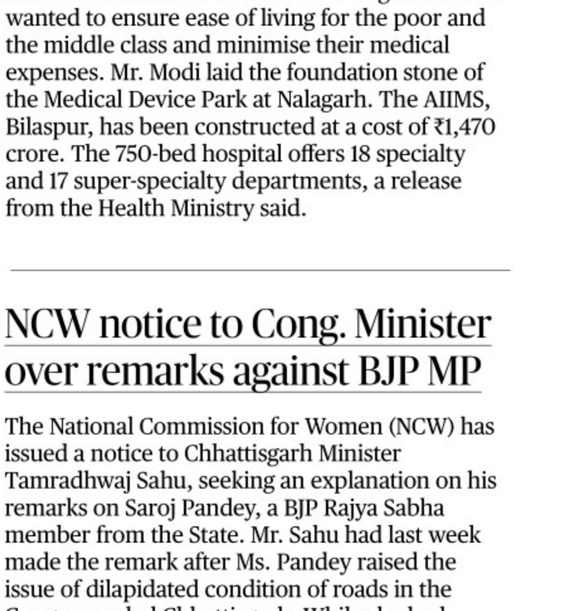

**Across**

**1** Joint rusted perhaps, tough to use it (7,6)
**10** Glass very transparent, inside can see some light (5)
**11** Englishmen batting - can ashes follow third test? (9)
**12** The sharpener went with those working (9)
**13** Certain to hide the defect (5)
**14** Valet comes apart, he has no place to stay (7)
**16** Worker on the moon - a Shakespearean character (7)
**18** First place in balance left for the knife (7)
**20** Move now and aim, it'll help the opponents (3,4)
**22** Harsh and dry outside, cold inside (5)
**24** One less - an alternative is solitude (9)
**26** Deal with China - refuse something to eat (9)
**27** It's not true about students in French city (5)
**28** Be without teacher, copy writing on top of it is punishable (9,4)

**Down**

**2** Information gathering, cops come up with reserves (4,3)
**3** Cheat Spooner's piece of fish (4,5)
**4** Rope in all criminal associates... (5)
**5** ...changing speed, watch the criminal (9)
**6** Fish in the past had this characteristic (5)
**7** Happiness after writing off mother-in-law perhaps (7)
**8** Vest is allowed, could be a superstition (3,5,5)
**9** Somehow got there to cover the explosion - it was a boombox (6,7)
**15** Sharp rim with raised border, how to differentiate? (4,5)
**17** Bank employee receives usually new notes to start with - his is boring work (9)
**19** Used coir as stuffing, suitable for fruit (7)
**21** Coincide with closed loop (7)
**23** Inside is the believer (5)
**25** Broadcasting is over, look! (2,3)

## SUDOKU

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**Solution to yesterday's Sudoku**

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## FAITH

### Father-son conversation

Duryodhana is jealous of the respect shown to Yudhisthira by everyone during the Rajasuya yaga. He expresses his sorrow to his father Dhritarashtra. Dhritarashtra advises him to mend his ways, said Kidambi Narayanan, in a discourse. He reminds Duryodhana that whatever parents could and should do for their son has been done for Duryodhana by his parents. He has inherited a kingdom with full rights. Why should he be upset about Yudhisthira's yaga? Can he not perform a similar yaga if he wants? Only a man who controls his mind has peace of mind, Dhritarashtra points out.

The Pandavas are Duryodhana's blood relatives. Hurting them would be like cutting off one's own hands. Duryodhana has studied under the best teachers, but of what use is his knowledge, asks Dhritarashtra. Does a ladle, used to make a sweet, experience the sweetness? Similar is Duryodhana's learning. When not put to use, knowledge is useless. Even Vidura disapproves of Duryodhana's plans. Vidura is proficient in all the Sastras taught by Brihaspathi to Indra. If Vidura says something must not be done, it is best to avoid it. Vidura can foresee disasters that will result from certain decisions. When he warns against enmity towards the Pandavas, should he not be heeded, asks Dhritarashtra. But Duryodhana says that Vidura's ideas are not in tune with his own. He says Vidura always talks of dharma, but this does not help. Cunning leads to victory, argues Duryodhana. One should not worry about an opponent's strengths, he says. If you do, you will be as useless as a mat that degrades gradually, when it has been exposed to the rains.

MALANG

## President orders audit of stadiums after Indonesia football stampede

Indonesian President Joko Widodo meeting victims of a riot and stampede following a football match in Malang, East Java, on Wednesday. He ordered an audit of all football stadiums in the country, vowing to find the "root" cause of one of the deadliest disasters in the sport's history. REUTERS

WASHINGTON

## Amid Ukraine war, U.S. set to fly Russian astronaut to space station

The U.S. will on Wednesday carry a Russian to the International Space Station aboard a SpaceX ship, in a voyage that carries symbolic significance amid the Ukraine war. Anna Kikina, the only woman cosmonaut in service, is part of the Crew-5 mission, which also includes one Japanese and two American astronauts. AFP

TEHRAN

## Iran frees U.S. citizen, removing one hurdle to revive nuclear deal

Baquer Namazi, one of four U.S. citizens whose release Washington had demanded in the context of any revived nuclear deal with Tehran, left for neutral Oman on Wednesday. Namazi, a former UNICEF official, was detained in 2016 when the 85-year-old travelled to Iran to press for the release of his son Siamak. AP

SEOUL

## Failed missile launch triggers panic in South Korean city of Gangnueng

A failed ballistic missile launch sparked panic in the South Korean city of Gangnueng after it crashed into the ground and triggered a fire, officials said. Security allies Seoul and Washington have staged multiple joint drills in response to North Korea firing an intermediate-range ballistic missile over Japan on Tuesday. AP

# Sri Lanka is anticipating a 'significantly lesser' number of favourable votes at UNHRC

Voting pattern 'is not a fair reflection' of how all members think about the country, 'heavy lobbying' by powerful countries preceded the vote at the Council, says Foreign Minister Ali Sabry

**Meera Srinivasan**
COLOMBO

Sri Lanka will get a "significantly lesser" number of favourable votes at the UN Human Rights Council, Foreign Minister Ali Sabry on Wednesday said, apparently resigned to reduced international support at the Geneva forum whose 51st session is underway.

"The number of votes will be significantly lesser. We have to be realistic," Mr. Sabry, currently in Geneva, told a media conference held virtually. Observing that the voting pattern " is not a fair reflection" of how all members think about Sri Lanka, he said "heavy lobbying" by powerful countries preceded the vote at the Council, which was "all geopolitics".

**Reparation call:** A resolution on Sri Lanka related to war crimes from the civil war era will be put to vote likely on Thursday. AFP

**Shift in tone**

The Minister's position signalled a shift in Colombo's tone from a month ago, when Mr. Sabry said Sri Lanka was "not interested in confrontation, we want to work towards consensus with all partners".

A resolution on Sri Lanka will be put to vote likely on Thursday, highlighting the long-pending demands for truth and justice for alleged war crimes from the civil war era and the years after it ended in 2009, apart from other rights violations since.

The proposed resolution this year also underscores the importance of addressing "underlying governance factors and root causes" that have "contributed to" Sri Lanka's unprecedented economic crisis. It identifies "deepening militarisation, lack of accountability in governance and impunity for serious human rights violations and abuses", as a central obstacle to the rule of law, reconciliation and sustainable peace and development in Sri Lanka. Further, it "recognises that the promotion and protection of human rights and the prevention of and fight against corruption are mutually reinforcing."

In March 2021, Sri Lanka faced a UN resolution that was put to vote in Geneva. While 22 countries voted in its favour, 11 countries voted against it – endorsing Sri Lanka's position – and 14 countries, including India, abstained. While it is widely expected that India may abstain yet again, more countries among the Council's 47 members are likely to proactively back the resolution.

Contending that the Council was "polarised", Minister Sabry said the international community, mainly the West that includes key economic powers, were "using Sri Lanka to test their agenda". "Sri Lanka has repeatedly said we need time and space to address pending issues, but the Core Group is not willing to listen," he said, referring to the group of countries led by the United Kingdom that are the main sponsors of the Sri Lanka resolution this year. The Group includes the United States, Germany, and Canada among others. Some 30 other countries are said to have joined the Core Group, backing the resolution.

**Anti-terrorism law**

Outlining the government's efforts to repeal the country's much criticised anti-terrorism law, and introduce a new one; bring about constitutional amendments to strengthen parliamentary mechanisms and redistribute "94%" of military-held lands in the north and east, Mr. Sabry said "none of it is credited" by the international community, even as he argued that some recommendations of the resolution sought to interfere with Sri Lanka's Constitution.

Asked why the Sri Lankan government, which is willingly working with international actors including the International Monetary Fund – that makes its support conditional on several governance aspects – for economic recovery resisted foreign mechanisms on the rights front, Mr. Sabry said: "That is because Sri Lanka is a member of the IMF, we opted for IMF assistance, and we are part of the negotiations ...it is not imposed on us," although Sri Lanka has been a Member State of the U.N. since 1955, engaging with its mechanisms and agencies.

## Willing to discuss price cap on gas, says EU chief

**Agence France-Presse**
STRASBOURG

The EU is "ready to discuss" a price cap on gas within the bloc to bring down soaring energy costs, European Commission chief Ursula von der Leyen said on Wednesday.

Her comment to the European Parliament signalled a shift in tone after EU powerhouse Germany had expressed worries a broad price cap might divert supplies away from Europe.

It comes after 15 EU countries – more than half the bloc – made a joint call for the EU to impose a price ceiling on how much it would pay for gas piped or shipped in, as the northern hemisphere winter sets in.

# Putin expects situation in annexed regions to stabilise, Kyiv presses counter-attack

**Agence France-Presse**
KYIV

Russian President Vladimir Putin said on Wednesday that he expected the situation to "stabilise" in Ukrainian regions annexed by the Kremlin after Moscow suffered military setbacks and lost several key towns to Kyiv.

He also ordered his government to seize control over Europe's largest nuclear power plant in the Russian-controlled region of Zaporizhzhia with IAEA head Rafael Grossi en route to Kyiv for consultations on the facility. Just hours earlier, the Ukrainian-appointed head of Lugansk Sergiy Gaiday announced that the "de-occupation of the Lugansk region has already officially started".

A resident sitting outside a building destroyed by Russian drones in Kyiv. AFP

Mr. Putin on Wednesday signed into legislation his annexation of four Ukrainian territories – including Lugansk – as the European Union agreed a new round of sanctions against Moscow in response.

Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov said Moscow would take back land it lost to Kyiv within the annexed regions.

On Tuesday, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky said his forces were making "rapid and powerful" gains and had retaken "dozens" of villages in the east and south.

The latest battlefield maps from Moscow showed that Russian troops had left many areas in Kherson, including along the west bank of the Dnipro River.

On Tuesday, U.S. President Joe Biden told Mr. Zelensky that another $625 million in military assistance was on the way.

## Bombing of mosque in Afghanistan kills four

**Agence France-Presse**
KABUL

A bombing in a mosque on the grounds of Afghanistan's Interior Ministry in Kabul killed four persons and wounded 25 others on Wednesday, an official said, with injured patients claiming it was a suicide attack.

Interior Ministry spokesman Abdul Nafy Takor said an explosion occurred at a mosque of the Ministry when worshippers were offering mid-day prayers.

"Four worshippers were martyred and 25 others were injured," he said in a statement to reporters, adding that an investigation was being conducted.

The latest blast comes after a suicide bombing on Friday killed 53 people in a Kabul classroom, including 46 girls and women, according to a toll by the United Nations.

# White House calls OPEC Plus supply cut move 'shortsighted'

**Biden will consult with Congress on how to reduce OPEC's control over energy prices**

**Sriram Lakshman**
WASHINGTON DC

Reacting to the oil cartel OPEC's (Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries) decision to cut production, the White House said U.S. President Joe Biden was "disappointed", calling the decision "shortsighted".

"At a time when maintaining a global supply of energy is of paramount importance, this decision will have the most negative impact on lower- and middle-income countries that are already reeling from elevated energy prices," U.S. National Security Advisor Jake Sullivan and National Economic Council Director Brian Deese said in a statement. The statement was released shortly after OPEC Plus – a group led by Saudi Arabia (and including Russia and other oil exporters in the 'Plus' or expanded version) – announced its decision to cut production by 2 million barrels per day.

The statement said the President would consult with the U.S. Congress on mechanisms available to reduce OPEC's control over energy prices. The cut in Opec Plus production creates upward pressure on oil prices which have fallen to about $90 per barrel from about $120 per barrel in early June.

It also works to undermine curbs on the price that Russian oil can fetch on the market. Last month, the Group of Seven (G7) economically advanced countries had agreed in principle to implement a price cap on Russian oil in order to limit the revenues Moscow can earn to fund its continuing invasion of Ukraine.

India has not committed to joining the G7 Russian oil price cap. Citing national interest, India had defended its move to buy Russian oil at discounted prices despite pressure from the U.S. and others. A price cap would work at the upper end of the price spectrum, while India has been buying discounted oil. "We are a $2,000 per capita economy. The price of oil is breaking our back," External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar had said in Washington last week, standing beside U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken at a joint press appearance.

The U.S. has had a "positive dialogue" with India and China on the G7 price cap, U.S. Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for economic policy, Ben Harris, said in London on Wednesday, as per a Reuters report.

## INBRIEF

### Muthoot Finance to raise up to ₹300 cr. via secured NCDs

Muthoot Finance Ltd. will raise up to ₹300 crore by issuing secured redeemable, non-convertible debentures (NCDs). The issue opens today and closes on October 28.

The base issue size is ₹75 crore with an option to retain oversubscription of up to ₹225 crore. The funds would be utilised for lending, the firm said. The NCDs have been rated AA+ (Stable) by ICRA, denoting a 'high degree of safety regarding timely servicing of financial obligations.'

### Apollo to buy stake in Kerala First Health for ₹26.40 crore

Apollo Hospitals Enterprise Ltd. (AHEL) has entered into definitive agreements for the acquisition of a 60% stake in Kerala First Health Services Pvt. Ltd. (KFHSL), for ₹26.40 crore.

The investment would be used to upgrade existing centres, set up new centres, strengthen enterprise platforms, and for digital health initiatives, AHEL said in a regulatory filing.

Incorporated in 2005, KFHSL offers 'quality systems-driven' Ayurveda medical care services.

### IMPAL buys balance 10% stake in CAPL Motor Parts

India Motor Parts & Accessories Ltd. (IMPAL) has picked up the balance 10% stake it did not own in CAPL Motor Parts Pvt. Ltd. for ₹1.14 crore.

On Wednesday, the board of IMPAL approved the purchase of the remaining five lakh equity shares of CAPL from the existing shareholders. On completion of the share purchase, IMPAL's shareholding in CAPL would increase to 100%, it said in a filing. CAPL is into sale and distribution of automobile parts. It would now become a wholly owned subsidiary of IMPAL.

# Centre raises credit limit under ECLGS for airlines to 100% of debt up to ₹1,500 cr.

Exchange rate volatility, high fuel prices have weighed on aviation; recessionary fears in key economies of the world have added pressure on the sector, says Assocham's Deepak Sood

**Special Correspondent**
NEW DELHI

The Ministry of Finance has raised the credit limit for airlines under the Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme (ECLGS), making them eligible for a sum equivalent to 100% of their outstanding debt, up to a maximum of ₹1,500 crore.

Earlier, airlines were eligible to borrow up to 50% of their credit outstanding up to ₹400 crore. This is the second time the government has liberalised the scheme for the aviation sector. The scheme introduced for medium and small enterprises during the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic was extended till March 2023 and its guarantee cover expanded by ₹50,000 crore to ₹5 lakh crore.

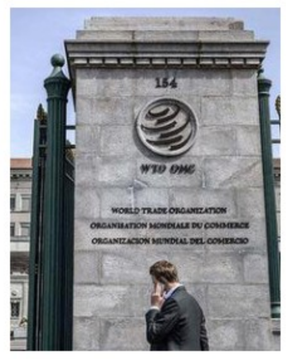
**Easing a little:** Earlier, airlines were eligible to borrow as much as 50% of their credit outstanding up to ₹400 crore. VELANKANNI RAJ B

SpiceJet, which has raised more than ₹300 crore under the scheme and is looking at several options to raise more funds, welcomed the government's decision. "This will provide a tremendous boost for airlines," the airline's CMD Ajay Singh said in a statement.

Deepak Sood, Secretary General of the Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India, said: "Given the volatility in foreign exchange rates, high fuel prices and the recessionary fears in some of the key economies of the world, the aviation sector continues to remain under extreme pressure."

# WTO warns 'darkened' trade outlook could deteriorate further

**Reuters**
GENEVA




The World Trade Organization (WTO) forecast a slowdown of global trade growth next year as sharply higher energy and food prices and rising interest rates curb import demand, and warned of a possible contraction if the war in Ukraine worsens.

The trade body said on Wednesday that merchandise trade would increase by 3.5% this year, up from its April estimate of 3%. However, for 2023, it sees trade growth of just 1%, compared with a previous forecast of 3.4%.

The WTO said there was high uncertainty over its forecasts. It provided a band of trade growth expansion of 2% to 4.9% for this year and of -2.8% to 4.6% for 2023.

"The picture for 2023 has darkened considerably," WTO director-general Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala told a news conference, adding risks for the forecast were more on the downside.

"If the war in Ukraine worsens, rather than gets better, that's going to have a huge impact," she said.

Weather events hitting food-producing regions or damaging energy export infrastructure could further hit trade, along with weakness in China, where COVID-19 outbreaks have disrupted production.

She said the world needed a more diversified base for production of goods and services, which should boost growth, increase resilience and promote long-term price stability by mitigating exposure to extreme weather events.

**Warns against curbs**

She also warned against the resorting to trade restrictions, saying curbs imposed by various countries on food and fertiliser exports had dropped from 57 to 42 in the past month, but then rose back to 53 due to new measures.

"These would only deepen inflationary pressures and reduce living standards and would likely make us more rather than less vulnerable to the crisis we are grappling with."

The WTO's forecast does not cover services, but the WTO said tourist arrivals were likely to fall after tripling in the first seven months of 2022.

Lower shipping rates, the global body said, might have been greeted before as a sign of supply chains improvements, but was probably more the result of cooling demand.

# CBIC mulls more obligations for undervaluing imports

**The Hindu Bureau**
NEW DELHI

Importers found to be under-declaring the value of shipments will face additional obligations for at least one year and no more than two years, for first instances of such violations, the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) has proposed.

Following through on an announcement in this year's Budget, the Board also proposed a mid-term review of such obligations during this period, so as to determine if the extra burden on importers may be lifted earlier or extended further. To address undervaluation, this year's Finance Bill introduced amendments to the Customs Act of 1962 to empower the CBIC accordingly.

As per draft rules issued on Tuesday, on which the CBIC has sought feedback till October 14, the Board shall identify goods for such probes based on 'a written reference made to it electronically by any person having reason to believe that the value of any class of imported goods... may not be declared truthfully or accurately'.

### 'Mid-course gas pricing changes to hit investments'

**Press Trust of India**
NEW DELHI

Billionaire Mukesh Ambani-led Reliance Industries Ltd. has told a government-appointed committee reviewing gas pricing that any 'retrograde' move to artificially cap rates will add to fiscal policy instability, delay investment and dent India's attempt to become 'Atmanirbhar' in fuel production.

### Rising rubber imports hitting prices, say planters

**The Hindu Bureau**
COIMBATORE

Higher imports of compounded rubber in 2021-2022 has become a matter of concern for planters as they are impacting prices, according to UPASI.

According to data available with the United Planters' Association of Southern India (UPASI), 1.14 lakh tonnes of compounded rubber was imported in 2021-2022, which was 0.19 lakh tonnes higher than the previous year.

Import of natural rubber stood at 5.82 lakh tonnes in 2018-2019 and crossed the five-lakh-tonne mark again in 2021-22 to touch 5.46 lakh tonnes.

In a memorandum to the Ministry of Commerce, the UPASI pointed out that import of natural rubber attracted 25% duty while it was only 10% for compounded rubber. Compound forms of rubber contained almost 90% natural rubber, it pointed out.

"We have requested (the government) that the present situation calls for restricting natural rubber imports for a minimum period of two years, by changing the policy condition from 'free' to 'restricted,' as was done recently for import of tyres," the Association said.

# SHF plans to open 10 'Small Business Loan' branches in T.N.

**The Hindu Bureau**
CHENNAI

Sundaram Home Finance, (SHF) plans to open 10 exclusive 'Small Business Loan' branches in Tamil Nadu over six months to aid small traders, shops and business owners.

"Small businesses in tier 2 and tier 3 towns in Tamil Nadu are thriving once again and are looking to expand their business, said MD Lakshminarayanan Duraiswamy. "There is a need for formal financing options for this small business segment," he added.

The wholly owned arm of Sundaram Finance Ltd. on Wednesday opened a new branch and rolled out a customised business loan product, offering advances of up to ₹20 lakh. Plans are afoot to open the next branch in Tenkasi on Friday and other eight branches by March 23.

Mr. Duraiswamy opening a small business loan branch in Madurai on Wednesday.

"For FY23, the new portfolio will fetch us an additional revenue of ₹10-15 crore," he added.

### Musk moots going ahead with deal to buy Twitter

**Associated Press**

The tumultuous saga of Elon Musk's on-again off-again purchase of Twitter took a turn toward a conclusion on Tuesday after the mercurial Tesla CEO proposed to buy the firm at the originally agreed-on price of $44 billion.

Twitter said it intended to close the deal at $54.20 per share after receiving Mr. Musk's letter, but stopped short of saying it's dropping its lawsuit against him. "I don't think Twitter will give up its trial date on just Musk's word – it's going to need more certainty about closing," said Andrew Jennings, professor at Brooklyn Law School.

# Oil rises as OPEC+ agrees to deep cuts; U.S. opposes move, wants lower prices

**Reuters**
NEW YORK

Oil rose about 1% on Wednesday, as OPEC+ members agreed to its deepest cuts to output since the 2020 COVID pandemic, despite a tight market and opposition to cuts from the United States and others.

Prices also rose on U.S. data that showed crude inventories fell last week.

Brent crude rose 93 cents, or 1%, to $92.73 a barrel by 10:44 a.m. EDT (1444 GMT).

The 2 million-barrels-per-day (bpd) cut from OPEC+ could spur a recovery in oil prices that have dropped to about $90 from $120 three months ago on fears of a global recession, rising U.S. interest rates and a stronger dollar.

Oil had been rising this week in anticipation of the cuts, said Fiona Cincotta, senior financial markets analyst at City Index.

"The real impact of a large cut would be smaller, given that some of the members are failing to reach their output quotas," Ms. Cincotta added.

In August, OPEC+ missed its production target by 3.58 million bpd as several countries were already pumping well below their existing quotas.

The U.S. was pressing OPEC+ to avoid deep cuts, a source familiar with the matter told Reuters, as President Joe Biden looks to prevent a rise in U.S. gasoline prices.

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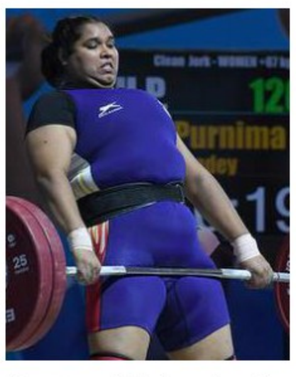
## Purnima wins plus-87 kg weightlifting gold medal

Purnima Pandey overcame a stiff back to avenge her loss to M.T. Ann Mariya despite totalling a below-par 215kg in the women's +87kg category on the concluding day of the weightlifting competitions at the National Games in Gandhinagar on Tuesday.

**Other result: Men: +109kg:** 1. Vipan Kumar (SSCB) snatch 161kg, clean and jerk 195kg, total 356kg; 2. Hitesh Kumar (Har) 150kg, 187kg, 337kg; 3. Shyopat Singh (Raj) 148kg, 183kg, 331kg.



## Haryana and Punjab remain unbeaten in their groups

Haryana and Punjab competed their engagements in Pool-A and Pool-B with an all-win record in the National Games women's hockey here on Wednesday. Haryana crushed Uttar Pradesh 5-1 for its third consecutive win in pool B.

Odisha thrashed Gujarat 23-0 in pool A.

Captain Gurjit Kaur scored a hat-trick as Punjab warded off a stiff challenge from young Jharkhand girls to win 3-2 in Pool-B.

In the men's section, Tamil Nadu slumped to its second straight defat after losing 1-3 to Uttar Pradesh in a pool B match.

**The results: Men: Pool B:** Karnataka bt Jharkhand 3-2; Uttar Pradesh bt Tamil Nadu 3-1. **Women: Pool A:** Haryana bt Uttar Pradesh 5-1; Odisha bt Gujarat 23-0. **Pool B:** Punjab bt Jharkhand 3-2; Madhya Pradesh bt Karnataka 3-0.

## Sai Praneeth meets Mithun; Malvika takes on Aakarshi

B. Sai Praneeth (TS) will face Mithun Manjunath (Kar) in the men's badminton final on Thursday. Top seed Malvika Bansod (Mah) takes on Aakarshi Kashyap (Cht) in women's singles. Sai Praneeth downed M. Raghu (Kar) 21-12, 21-19 while Mithun beat Aryamann Tandon (Guj) 21-9, 21-11. Malvika defeated Aditi Bhatt (Utk) 21-10, 19-21, 21-13 while Aakarshi trounced Tanya Hemanth (Kar) 21-9, 21-15.

## Rishabh, Aditi are champions in compound archery

Rishabh Yadav and Aditi Swami emerged the men's and women's champions in compound archery at National Games on Wednesday.

Haryana's Rishabh defeated Maharashtra's Ojas Detale 148-147 in a closely-fought final to win the men's individual gold. Gurwinder Singh clinched the bronze.

Maharashtra's Aditi pipped Delhi's Pragati 144-143 to win the women's individual gold. Sakshi Chaudhary got the bronze. Delhi — comprising Priyansh, Abhishek Verma, Kawalpreet Singh and Aman Saini — beat Punjab 233-226 to win the men's team gold. Maharashtra took the bronze.

Aditi picked up her second gold when Maharashtra, also consisting of Monali Jadhao, Madhura Dhamangaonkar and Purvasha Shende, defeated Andhra Pradesh 229-222 in the women's team final.

# Teenager Hashika topples Astha, bags her third gold of the Games

Former hits the water early in the 200m butterfly and powers into the lead at the end of the 100m; Sajan comes up with a dominant performance to win the men's 200m butterfly with a new record; Chahat uncorks a scintillating show in 50m breaststroke

**SWIMMING**

**M.R. Praveen Chandran**
RAJKOT

The 14-year-old Hashika Ramachandra of Karnataka toppled another favourite Astha Choudhury on way to her third individual gold medal in the 36th National Games swimming events at the Sardar Patel Aquatic complex here on Wednesday.

Hashika warded off a late challenge from Assam's Astha Choudhury to win the gold in 200m butterfly with a new games record of 2:19.12. Harshika broke Richa Mishra's old mark (2:21.68) set in 2015.

**Top class:** Harshika warded off a late challenge from Astha Choudhury and set a new games record. RITU RAJ KONWAR

Astha, who narrowly failed to beat Richa Mishra's old mark in the heats in the morning, was the obvious favourite to win the final. But the Assam girl got off to a slow start while Harshika hit the water early and powered into the lead at the end of the 100m. However, Astha made a strong comeback after 150m and chased Harshika in the final 25m. However, the Karnataka girl went all out and sneaked ahead of the Astha. Harshika later anchored the Karnataka 4x200m freestyle relay squad to a new games record and took her gold medal tally to four.

Sajan Prakash came up with a dominating performance to win the men's 200m butterfly with a new record. The Olympian was off to a good start and by the end of the first lap, left the field far behind. Sajan didn't face any challenge and he finished at least 10m ahead of Assam's Bikram Changmai to set a new record of 1:59.56s. Sajan improved his own record (2:00.69s) set in 2015.

National champion Chahat Arora put up a scintillating performance in 50m breaststroke. She led from start-to-finish to clock 33.31 and break A.V. Jayaveena's old mark (34.43) set in 2015.

The Karnataka men's 4x200m relay team came from behind to win the gold. Gujarat led initially but the depth in the Karnataka team enabled it to wrest back the lead and win comfortably in a new games record of 7:41.10.

**The results:**

**Men: 50m breaststroke:** 1. S.P. Likith (SSCB) (28.62), 2. Vaishnav Hegde (SSCB), 3. Shwejal Mankar (Mah); **200m butterfly:** 1. Sajan Prakash (Ker) (1:59.58 – NGR; OR-2:00.69, Sajan Prakash, Kerala, 2015), 2. Bikram Changmai (Asm), 3. Sanu Debnath (Ben); **4x200m freestyle relay:** 1. Karnataka (7:41.10 – NGR; OR – 7:44.24s, Maharashtra, 2015), 2. Gujarat, 3. Maharashtra.

**Women: 50m breaststroke:** 1. Chahat Arora (Pun) (33.31s – NGR; OR – 34.43, A.V. Jayaveena, TN, 2015); 2. Aarti Patil (Mah), 3. Manavi Varma (Kar); **200m butterfly:** Hashika Ramachandra (Kar) (2:19.12 — NGR; OR – 2:21.68, Richa Mishra, MP, 2015), 2. Astha Choudhury (Asm), 3. Vritti Agarwal (TS); **4x200m freestyle relay:** 1. Karnataka (8:51.59 – NGR; OR – 8:54.73, Maharashtra, 2015), 2. Tamil Nadu, 3. Bengal.

# Manish and Zeel take the honours in tennis singles

**Golden day:** Manish, left, and Zeel display their medals. VIJAY SONEJI

**Sports Bureau**
AHMEDABAD

Home favourite Zeel Desai claimed the women's singles title, while Tamil Nadu's Manish Sureshkumar took the men's singles crown in the tennis competitions of the National Games here on Wednesday.

The third-seeded Zeel was leading 6-2, 3-2 against Karnataka's Sharmada Balu when the latter conceded the match due to an ankle injury. "I am extremely happy to win the gold today. It was special to play with so much support on the home turf," said Zeel.

Yubrani Banerjee of West Bengal and Rutuja Bhosale of Maharashtra bagged the bronze.

Manish rallied to beat Maharashtra's Arjun Kadhe 2-6, 6-1, 6-3.

After winning the first set, Arjun suffered rib pain and could not maintain the tempo. Manish took advantage of the situation to win the next two sets.

Karnataka's S.D. Prajwal Dev and G. Manish took the bronze.

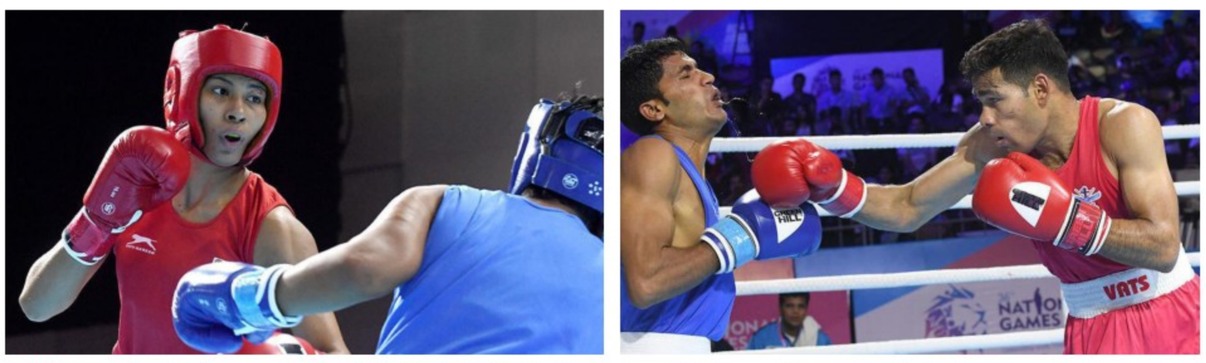
# Lovlina and Hussamuddin brook no resistance from their opponents

**BOXING**

**Y. B. Sarangi**
GANDHINAGAR

Olympic bronze medallist Lovlina Borgohain and two-time Commonwealth Games bronze medallist Muhammad Hussamuddin recorded comprehensive wins to reach the quarterfinals of their respective weight categories at the boxing arena of the National Games on Wednesday.

Lovlina will meet Indraja K.A. of Kerala in the women's 75kg quarterfinals. Hussamuddin will take on National champion Rohit Mor in a men's 57kg last-eight clash.



**Raining punches:** Lovlina was super quick in dismissing Nishi, while Hussamuddin was ruthless against Satish Kumar. V.V. KRISHNAN

Encouraged by Assam teammate, the World championships bronze medallist Jamuna Boro and by Worlds and Asian medallist Shiva Thapa, Lovlina – who had injured her nose recently during the selection trials for the Asian championships – did not let her debut bout in 75kg last long.

Lovlina rained punches on a hapless Nishi Bhardwaj, who got two standing counts before the referee stopped the contest in the opening round.

Hussamuddin convincingly defeated Satish Kumar 5-0. "After the Commonwealth Games, I spent some time with my (new born) daughter, before resuming my training for the trials. I will use the National Games to prepare myself for the Asian championships," said Hussamuddin.

Commonwealth Games bronze medallist Jaismine Lomboria trounced Telangana's Manasa Mattaparthi in a 60kg bout.

**Important results (preliminary round): Men: 51kg:** Ankit Kumar (Har) bt Sai Kumar (SSCB) 4-1, Sparsh Kumar (Pun) bt Srinu Muvvala (AP) 5-0, Mukesh Kumar (Del) bt Manish Sahu (Cht) 5-0; **57kg:** Muhammad Hussamuddin (SSCB) bt Satish Kumar (UP) 5-0, Rohit Mor (Del) bt Rushikesh Goud (Mah) 4-1; **+92kg:** Narender (SSCB) bt Vishal Yadav (UP) 5-0.

**Women: 52kg:** Nissy Thampi (Ker) bt Pooja (Del) 3-2, Rebecca Lalinmawii (Miz) bt Eva Marbani (Meg) 4-1; **60kg:** Jaismine Lamboria (Har) bt Manasa Mattaparthi (Tel) RSC-R3, Parvish Konthoujam (Man) bt Ritu (Chd) 4-1; Poonam Kaithwas (Mah) bt Neha (Raj) 4-0; **75kg:** Lovlina Borgohain (Asm) bt Nishi Bhardwaj (Bih) RSC-R1.

# Top pros and amateurs to be in action in golf

**Sports Bureau**
AHMEDABAD

Some of the top professional and amateur golfers will be seen in action at the Kensville Golf and Country Club over the next four days from Thursday in the National Games. Altogether 71 players, including 38 men and 33 women, will try their best to ensure a podium finish as competitions will be held in individual and team events.

According to tournament director Ishwar Achanta, each of the 11 participating teams will have a professional and an amateur golfer.

"In 11 state teams, when you take both men and women, there will be 44 players. The rest, 37, will compete in individual event. All those who will be participating in team events and who feature in the top 16 of the PGTI, WGAI AND IGU merit lists will also be part of the individual competition," said Ishwar on Wednesday.

Ishwar Achanta.
FILE PHOTO: K.V. SRINIVASAN

Even though some competitions, including a PGTI event at Panchkula, are taking place close to the National Games, well known professionals such as Karandeep Kochhar, Aman Raj, Ridhima Dilawari and Vani Kapoor and top-ranked amateur Avani Prashanth and No. 3 Kriti Chowhan will be part of the four-day event here.

> The National Games is for all. It's the go-to event for every aspiring golfer

Ishwar said this exposure would give the young golfers a feel of participating in a multi-sport event.

"The National Games is for all. It's the go-to event for every aspiring golfer.

"There are some challenges (as far as the course is concerned) but we are managing," said Ishwar, who is also the Indian Golf Union's treasurer and Tamil Nadu association's secretary.

# Games provided many athletes chance to get a headstart for 2023 season

**Jonathan Selvaraj**
GANDHINAGAR

The track and field events at the 36th National Games concluded on Tuesday with many positives for Indian athletics. Three national records were broken while several more Games records were set over five days of action at the IIT Gandhinagar campus.

The sudden addition of the Games, organised in three months, left little time for the athletes – many of whom were getting into their off-season – to change their schedules.

"Technically the season would have concluded with the Asian Games. With the Asian Games postponed, the National Games took that spot in training calendar," AFI president Adille Sumariwala said.

For many athletes, the National Games provided an opportunity to get a headstart for the 2023 season. Jeswin Aldrin secured qualification for the 2023 World Championships – the qualifying period began from July 31 – after winning the gold medal in men's high jump with a season's best of 8.26m (world qualification standard: 8.25m).

Over the course of five days, three national records were broken. Rosy Meena Paulraj cleared a height of 4.20m to break the eight-year-old record of 4.15m held by V. Surekha in the women's pole vault. Siva Subramani (5.31m) eclipsed his own record of 5.30m in the men's pole vault, set four years back.

### Record

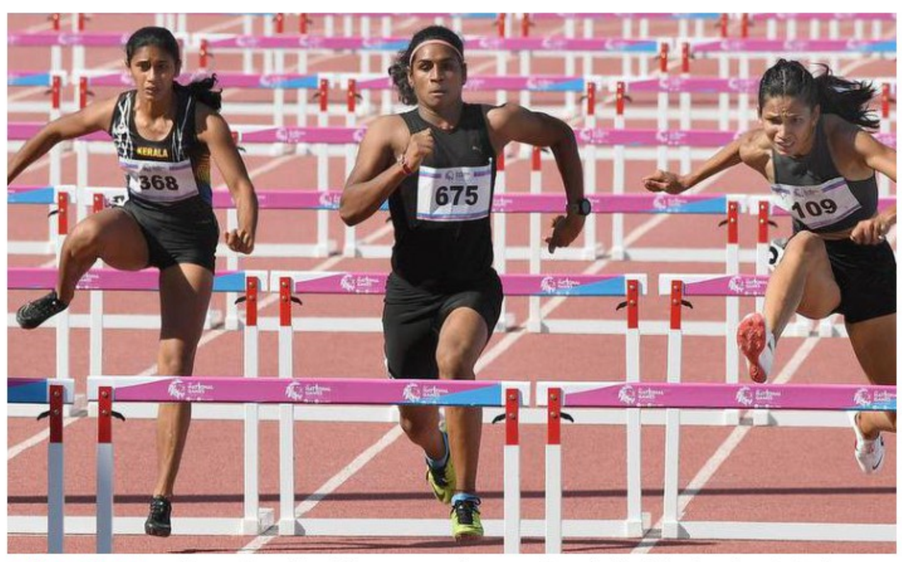
Ram Baboo clocked 2.36.34s to break the record in the men's 35km race walk (2.40.16) by nearly four minutes. There could well have been another National record, but Jyothi Yarraji's time of 12.79s to win the 100m hurdles came with a wind assistance of 2.5 m/s, above the legal limit of 2.0m/s. 25 meet records were also set.

The 20-year-old Tejas Shirse of Maharashtra became the second fastest Indian in the men's 110m hurdles. Shirse won gold in Gandhinagar with a time of 13.84s, just 0.01s off Siddhanth Thingalaya's meet record of 13.83. Thingalaya also holds the National Record (13.48s).

Santosh Kumar Tamilarasan's time of 49.49s was the third best by an Indian in the 400m hurdles, while fellow 24-year-old Vithya Ramaraj's time of 56.57s puts her third in the women's 400m hurdles. It will be interesting to keep an eye on Ramaraj's progress considering the national record (55.42s) has been held by P.T. Usha since 1984.

### Jyothi's two golds

Jyothi Yarraji won two gold medals in the women's 100m and 100m hurdles, while national marks were set by Rosy, Siva Subramani and Ram Baboo. However, if we go by points based on IAAF calculation, the best performance came from Jeswin Aldrin. His jump of 8.26m would be the equivalent of 1197 points.



**Valiant effort:** Jyothi Yarraji could well have set another record on the final day, but her win in the 100m hurdles came with a wind assistance of 2.5 m/s, above the legal wind limit of 2.0m/s. V.V. KRISHNAN

## INBRIEF

### Shrikrishna beats Habib, bags World 6-red snooker title

S. Shrikrishna of India became the new World 6-red snooker champion when he defeated Habib Sabah of Bahrain 51-4, 0-39, 63-0, 39-0, 45-7, 43-2 in the final at Kuala Lumpur on Tuesday.

The 22-year-old outplayed Habib in a one-sided best-of-nine frame final.

### India Capitals emerges king of Legends League Cricket

India Capitals defeated Bhilwara Kings by 104 runs in the final of the Legends League Cricket (LLC) tournament in Jaipur on Wednesday. Capitals posted 211 for seven in 20 overs before bundling out Kings for 107 in 18.2 overs.

**The scores:** India Capitals 211/7 in 20 overs (Ross Taylor 82, Mitchell Johnson 62, Ashley Nurse 42) bt Bhilwara Kings 107 in 18.2 overs (Pawan Suyal 2/27, Pankaj Singh 2/14, Pravin Tambe 2/19).

### Harmanpreet, Smriti and Axar in ICC nomination list

The Indian trio of Smriti Mandhana, Harmanpreet Kaur and Axar Patel was on Wednesday nominated for the ICC 'Player of the Month' award in the women's and men's categories for September. Skipper Harmanpreet and vice-captain Smriti have been shortlisted for the first time and if one of them goes on to win they will become the first ever Indian to win the women's award. Axar has been nominated following a series of impressive bowling displays against Australia and South Africa.

### Nitin Menon among umpires named for T20 World Cup

India's Nitin Menon will be among the 16 umpires who will officiate in the ICC T20 World Cup in Australia. Menon, the only Indian on the ICC Elite Panel, has already reached Australia.

### Finch, Wade guide Australia home in tense finish

Aaron Finch found some confidence-boosting form on Wednesday, hitting 58 to steer Australia to a three-wicket win over the West Indies in the opening T20I at Gold Coast. The host was in trouble at 58 for five, but skipper Finch and Matthew Wade (39 n.o.) put on 69 to script a turnaround.

**The scores:** West Indies 145/9 in 20 overs (Josh Hazlewood 3/35) lost to Australia 146/7 in 19.5 overs (Aaron Finch 58, Matthew Wade 39 n.o.).

### Sreejesh, Savita voted FIH goalkeepers of the Year

India's P.R. Sreejesh and Savita Punia were on Wednesday voted FIH men's and women's goalkeeper of the year respectively for the second year running. In his 16th year as an international for India, Sreejesh once again showed his value to the team, playing in all 16 games in the FIH Hockey Pro League as India finished third. Savita was instrumental in leading India to a podium finish in the FIH Hockey Pro League 2021-22, in its debut campaign, pulling off an astounding 57 saves in the 14 games she played.

# Unseasonal rain likely to disrupt opening ODI

There was intermittent drizzle on Wednesday and more downpour has been forecast on match day; a second-choice Indian combination, led by Dhawan, takes on an upbeat South Africa

SA IN INDIA

**Rakesh Rao**
LUCKNOW

Unseasonal rain is threatening to be a serious dampener to an unusual match-up of a second-choice Indian combination against South Africa in an ODI.

India's first one-day game at the Atal Bihari Vajpayee Ekana Cricket Stadium on Thursday could well be a shortened affair or a non-starter following intermittent drizzle all day on Wednesday.

With more rain forecast on match day, this modern stadium's drainage system will come under scrutiny. When the downpour stopped on Wednesday evening, the ground staff swung into action and uncovered the pitch to check for seepage through the covers. Mercifully, the square was intact.

In March 2020, the T20 match involving these teams was cancelled due to the outbreak of COVID-19.

Desperate for a comeback, a few players in the India line-up have plenty to play for. With the country scheduled to host the 2023 World Cup, a number of ODI regulars will use every opportunity to catch the selectors' attention.

The past few months have seen India focus on T20s for obvious reasons. With the World Cup squad set to leave for Australia, the attention will solely be on the performers of this ODI series over the next one week.

**Cloud of uncertainty:** The first game of the ODI series could be a shortened one or get called off. PTI

### India-South Africa H2H in ODIs

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| Overall | Matches **87** | India **35** | South Africa **49** | NR **3** |
| In India | Matches **28** | India **15** | South Africa **13** | NR **0** |

**The schedule:**
**First ODI:** Oct. 6, Lucknow | **Second ODI:** Oct. 9, Ranchi
**Third ODI:** Oct. 11, Delhi
All matches start at 1.30 p.m.

In January, Shikhar Dhawan and Shreyas Iyer were part of the Indian team that lost to host South Africa 0-3. The two batters – as captain and vice-captain – are looking to avenge that loss.

**Pacers under scanner**

With the pacers under the scanner, players like Avesh Khan, Deepak Chahar, Mohammed Siraj, rookie Mukesh Kumar and the seasoned Shardul Thakur will look to make it count in this series.

Similarly, spinners Kuldeep Yadav, Ravi Bishnoi and Shahbaz Ahmed await opportunities to stake their claim in the full-strength ODI squad.

South Africa, upbeat after winning the third T20I at Indore on Tuesday, has made two changes to its squad. Batter Janneman Malan and pacer Andile Phehlukwayo have come in for Rilee Rossouw and Tristan Stubbs.

Before heading for the T20 World Cup, the visitors would love some batting time for their top-order. Skipper Temba Bavuma, who had a forgettable T20I series, will be desperate for runs.

The team, however, has the bowling to be effective on Indian pitches.

South Africa will be keen on a second successive 3-0 whitewash of India in an ODI series after a similar result back home.

**The teams (from):**
**India:** Shikhar Dhawan (Capt.), Shreyas Iyer, Ruturaj Gaikwad, Shubman Gill, Rajat Patidar, Rahul Tripathi, Ishan Kishan, Sanju Samson, Shahbaz Ahmed, Shardul Thakur, Kuldeep Yadav, Ravi Bishnoi, Mukesh Kumar, Avesh Khan, Mohd. Siraj, and Deepak Chahar.
**South Africa:** Temba Bavuma (Capt.), Quinton de Kock, Reeza Hendricks, Heinrich Klaasen, Keshav Maharaj, Aiden Markram, David Miller, Lungi Ngidi, Anrich Nortje, Wayne Parnell, Dwaine Pretorius, Kagiso Rabada, Tabraiz Shamsi and Andile Phehlukwayo.
*Match starts at 1.30 p.m.*

# Jemimah and Deepti do the star turn as India crushes UAE

**Swing factor:** Jemimah, in the company of Deepti, put the Indian innings back on the rails. FILE PHOTO

**Press Trust of India**
SYLHET

Jemimah Rodrigues was at her ruthless best, smashing an unbeaten 75 off 45 balls, as India out-batted an inexperienced United Arab Emirates by 104 runs in the Women's T20 Asia Cup here on Tuesday.

Jemimah and Deepti Sharma (64 off 49 balls) added 128 in 13.3 overs after UAE had briefly sent some shivers down the Indians' spine, reducing them to 20 for three.

However, the gulf in class between the two teams became evident when India posted 178 for five in 20 overs. In reply, UAE finished the quota of 20 overs at 74 for four.

India has now won three matches on the trot and is firmly on its way to grab a semifinal berth although the big games against Bangladesh and Pakistan are yet to be played.

While Smriti Mandhana, S. Meghana and an out of form Shafali Verma were back in the dug-out quickly, Jemimah and Deepti first steadied the ship till the 12th over and then upped the ante towards the end when the UAE bowlers found it difficult to control the run-flow.

While Jemimah hit 11 boundaries, Deepti had five fours and two sixes. The last six overs turned out to be complete mayhem with 72 runs coming off them.

While chasing, the UAE batters was ultra-defensive after being reduced to five for three by the end of the second over.

Kavisha Egodage (30 n.o., 54b) and Khushi Sharma (29, 50b) were engaged in a 59-run stand where all they did was avoid getting out.

**The scores:** India 178/5 in 20 overs (Deepti Sharma 64, Jemimah Rodrigues 75 n.o.) bt UAE 74/4 in 20 overs (Kavisha Egodage 30 n.o., Rajeshwari Gayakwad 2/20). **Toss:** India. **Player-of-the-Match:** Jemimah.

# Kuldeep Sen, Abhimanyu help Rest of India register a convincing eight-wicket win

**Amol Karhadkar**
RAJKOT

Kuldeep Sen's second-five wicket haul and Abhimanyu Easwaran's breezy unbeaten fifty helped Rest of India cruise to a convincing eight-wicket win over Saurashtra and stamp its authority on the Irani Cup on Tuesday.

With Sen picking up the last two Saurashtra wickets in 18 balls, RoI dismissed Saurashtra for 380 in its second innings.

Despite losing two quick wickets to Jaydev Unadkat's left-arm pace, Abhimanyu (63 n.o., 78b, 9x4) and K.S. Bharat's (27 n.o., 82b, 5x4) unbroken 81-run partnership helped RoI overhaul the 105-run target 40 minutes after lunch on the fourth day.

When Saurashtra started the day with a lead of 94 and Unadkat unbeaten on 78, it was an uphill task for the home team to set an enticing target.

**Bending his back:** Kuldeep Sen was impressive on a pitch that held no demons. PTI

Unadkat started on a promising note, steering Sen past point for a four off the first ball of the day.

But Sen caught Parth Bhut plumb in front in the third over of the day with a fuller delivery that seamed into the batter.

In Sen's next over, Unadkat's extravagant slash resulted in a nick to Bharat behind the wickets. While Unadkat managed to stretch the target into three digits, he missed his hundred by 11 runs.

Unadkat coerced Priyank Panchal, who had replaced injured Mayank Agarwal during the match, into an edge.

Abhimanyu played impressive drives close to his body and Bharat made the most of his promotion to seal the deal without further damage.

Despite Sen being the most successful bowler in the match with an eight-wicket haul, Mukesh Kumar was adjudged the player of the match for his four-wicket haul on the first morning that turned out to be decisive.

**The scores:**
**Saurashtra — 1st innings:** 98.
**Rest of India — 1st innings:** 374.
**Saurashtra — 2nd innings:** Harvik Desai c Vihari b Saurabh 20, Snell Patel c Sarfaraz b Saurabh 16, Chirag Jani b Sen 6, Dharmendra Jadeja c Abhimanyu b Sen 25, Cheteshwar Pujara c Bharat b Sen 1, Sheldon Jackson c Saurabh b Mukesh 71, Arpit Vasavada lbw b Saurabh 55, Prerak Mankad c Umran b Jayan 72, Jaydev Unadkat c Bhrat b Sen 89, Parth Bhut lbw b Sen 7, Chetan Sakariya (not out) 0; Extras (b-4, lb-10, nb-2, w-2): 18; Total (in 103 overs): 380.
**Fall of wickets:** 1-34, 2-38, 3-55, 4-57, 5-87, 6-204, 7-215, 8-359, 9-375.
**Rest of India bowling:** Mukesh 18-6-49-1, Sen 19-2-94-5, Umran 18-5-62-0, Saurabh 25-5-80-3, Jayant 20-3-72-1, Sarfaraz 3-0-9-0.
**Rest of India — 2nd innings:** Priyank Panchal c Patel b Unadkat 2, Abhimanyu Easwaran (not out) 63, Yash Dhull lbw b Unadkat 8, K.S. Bharat (not out) 27; Extras (b-4, w-1): 5; Total (for two wkts. in 31.2 overs): 105.
**Fall of wickets:** 1-14, 2-24.
**Saurashtra bowling:** Unadkat 11-2-37-2, Sakariya 6-1-23-0, Jani 5-2-3-0, Mankad 2-0-9-0, Dharmendra 6-2-14-0, Bhut 1-0-10-0, Vasavada 0.2-0-5-0.

LIVE TELECAST

**National Games 2022**: DD Sports, Sony Six (SD & HD) & LIV, 7 a.m. onwards
**Women's Asia Cup**: Star Sports 2 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 8.30 a.m. & 1 p.m.
**India vs South Africa**: 1st ODI, Star Sports 1 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 1.30 p.m.

### India women lose in pre-quarters

**Sports Bureau**

Chinese Taipei blanked India 3-0 in the women's pre-quarterfinals of the World team table tennis championships at Chengdu (China) on Wednesday.

**The result: Women: Chinese Taipei bt India 3-0** (Chen Szu-Yu bt Manika Batra 11-7, 11-9, 11-3; Cheng I-Ching bt Sreeja Akula 11-8, 5-11, 11-6, 11-9; Li Yu-Jhun bt Diya Chitale 11-6, 9-11, 9-11, 11-8, 11-7).

# Bayern imperious as Inter noses ahead of Barcelona in battle for second place

CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

**Associated Press**
MADRID

Barcelona's high-powered attack faltered against Inter Milan and the Italian club gained an edge in the battle for second place in their Champions League group, while Bayern Munich and Napoli continued to impress and Club Brugge earned a third straight win.

Inter defeated Barcelona 1-0 at home to move into position to grab the second qualifying spot in Group C, which is led by Bayern Munich after it comfortably defeated Viktoria Plzen 5-0 to set a record of 31 straight matches unbeaten in the competition's group stage.

Napoli impressed with a 6-1 win at Ajax, while Club Brugge also kept a perfect record with a home victory against Atletico Madrid, which saw Antoine Griezmann miss a penalty kick.

Liverpool picked up its second win by beating Rangers 2-0, while Porto earned its first victory by defeating Bayern Leverkusen.

A moment of silence was held before all matches in memory of the victims of the stadium tragedy in Indonesia.

**The results:**
**Group A:** Ajax 1 (Kudus 9) lost to Napoli 6 (Raspadori 18, 47, Di Lorenzo 33, Zielinski 45, Kvaratskhelia 63, Simeone 81); Liverpool 2 (Alexander-Arnold 7, Salah 53-pen) bt Rangers 0.

**Group B:** Club Brugge 2 (Sowah 36, Jutgla 62) bt Atletico Madrid 0; FC Porto 2 (Sanusi 69, Galeno 86) bt Bayer Leverkusen 0.

**Group C:** Bayern Munich 5 (Sane 7, 50, Gnabry 13, Mane 21, Choupo-Moting 59) bt Viktoria Plzen 0; Inter Milan 1 (Calhanoglu 45+2) bt Barcelona 0.

**Group D:** Marseille 4 (Sanchez 13, Harit 16, Balerdi 28, Mbemba 84) bt Sporting Lisbon 1 (Trincao 1); Eintracht Frankfurt 0 drew with Tottenham Hotspur 0.

**The clincher:** Calhanoglu fired in Inter's winner against Barcelona. AFP

# Thinking caps on as the Men in Blue look to fill the Bumrah-sized crater

With no like-for-like replacement for the speedster, who is a near-perfect bowler and can take the pitch and conditions out of the equation, the choice may boil down to Deepak Chahar or Shami; coach Dravid feels it's a great opportunity for someone to stand up

**Freak of nature:** Bumrah is a bowler in whom nearly all of the world's best skills seem to have amalgamated. FILE PHOTO

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**N. Sudarshan**
INDORE

No player in recent times has so separated India from the rest of the pack quite like Jasprit Bumrah. To say that in the era of Virat Kohli and Rohit Sharma is an adequate enough reflection of what Bumrah means to this team. It should also reveal the enormousness of the challenge facing the think tank as it sets about replacing the 28-year-old for the ICC T20 World Cup.

The third and final T20I in Indore on Tuesday, which South Africa won by 49 runs to avoid a clean sweep, offered very little cues. Three potential replacements in Deepak Chahar, Mohammed Siraj and Umesh Yadav all played. The trio bowled a combined 11 overs – across PowerPlay, middle overs and the death – and ended up conceding in excess of 11 runs per over.

Rilee Rossouw (100 n.o., 48b, 7x4, 8x6) and Quinton de Kock (68, 43b, 6x4, 4x6) took full advantage of the flattest of pitches and Holkar Stadium's small boundaries to rack up 227 runs. India, without Kohli and K.L. Rahul (both rested), played catch-up all evening, before falling short. The series, if anything, helped establish the pecking order of Bumrah's replacements among the trio, with Chahar emerging at the top, on the virtue of his performances in the first two matches. His ability with the bat – he scored 31 off 17 balls in the finale – is a good add-on. A few extra runs can give a Bumrah-less India some insurance.

But Chahar is more of a PowerPlay operator with his lateral movement while India seeks cover for Bumrah's death overs mastery and express pace. Bowling in the latter half of the innings has, in fact, been Rohit's Achilles heel. In Guwahati and Indore, from overs 13 to 20, India conceded 119 and 108 runs respectively.

Mohammed Shami, who is a standby in the World Cup squad, has enough experience of having played in Australia and possesses the skill required to excel on the bouncy pitches Down Under. He hits the deck with force and can bowl the hard lengths at genuine pace, making him a potentially good option all across a T20 innings.

But he is still no Bumrah, who on his day could make both the pitch and conditions redundant. Shami is also short of matches, having missed both T20 series against Australia and South Africa because of COVID. But Rohit, in his presentation ceremony briefing on Tuesday, seemed to hint in the direction of the 32-year-old. "We've got to get someone in who's got experience, who's bowled in Australia," the skipper said. "I don't know who that guy is yet. There are a few in the reckoning, but we'll make that call once we reach Australia."

India coach Rahul Dravid felt that Bumrah's absence was "a great opportunity for someone to stand up." But Bumrah is such a freak of nature, in whom nearly all of the world's best bowling skills seem to have amalgamated, that there can be no like-for-like replacement.

India has a headache and it is not a good one.

**SCOREBOARD**

**SOUTH AFRICA**
Quinton de Kock run out 68 *(43b, 6x4, 4x6)*, Temba Bavuma c Rohit b Umesh 3 *(8b)*, Rilee Rossouw (not out) 100 *(48b, 7x4, 8x6)*, Tristan Stubbs c Ashwin b Chahar 23 *(18b, 2x4, 1x6)*, David Miller (not out) 19 *(5b, 3x6)*; Extras (lb-4, w-8, nb-2): 14; Total (for three wkts. in 20 overs): 227.

**FALL OF WICKETS**
1-30 (Bavuma, 4.1 overs), 2-120 (de Kock, 12.1), 3-207 (Stubbs, 19.2).

**INDIA BOWLING**
Chahar 4-0-48-1, Siraj 4-0-44-0, Ashwin 4-0-35-0, Umesh 3-0-34-1, Harshal 4-0-49-0, Axar 1-0-13-0.

**INDIA**
Rohit Sharma b Rabada 0 *(2b)*, Rishabh Pant c Stubbs b Ngidi 27 *(14b, 3x4, 2x6)*, Shreyas Iyer lbw b Parnell 1 *(4b)*, Dinesh Karthik b Maharaj 46 *(21b, 4x4, 4x6)*, Suryakumar Yadav c Stubbs b Pretorius 8 *(6b, 1x6)*, Axar Patel c de Kock b Parnell 9 *(8b, 1x4)*, Harshal Patel c Miller b Ngidi 17 *(12b, 2x4, 1x6)*, R. Ashwin c Rabada b Maharaj 2 *(4b)*, Deepak Chahar c Miller b Pretorius 31 *(17b, 2x4, 3x6)*, Umesh Yadav (not out) 20 *(17b, 2x4)*, Mohammed Siraj c Miller b Pretorius 5 *(7b, 1x4)*; Extras (lb-2, w-9, nb-1): 12; Total (in 18.3 overs): 178.

**FALL OF WICKETS**
1-0 (Rohit, 0.2), 2-4 (Shreyas, 1.4), 3-45 (Pant, 4.6), 4-78 (Karthik, 6.6), 5-86 (Suryakumar, 7.6), 6-108 (Harshal, 10.5), 7-114 (Axar, 11.4), 8-120 (Ashwin, 12.2), 9-168 (Chahar, 16.3).

**SOUTH AFRICA BOWLING**
Rabada 4-0-24-1, Parnell 4-0-41-2, Ngidi 3-0-51-2, Maharaj 4-0-34-2, Pretorius 3.3-0-26-3.
**Toss:** India. **MoM:** Rossouw.
**MoS:** Suryakumar.
*South Africa won by 49 runs, India clinched series 2-1.*

# Really went well for us, says Dravid about the twin T20I series

**N. Sudarshan**
INDORE

Rossouw. AFP

India coach Rahul Dravid said that the twin T20I series victories against Australia and South Africa ticked a lot of boxes.

"It really went well for us," he said. "Australia is the world champion and South Africa is a team we have never beaten in a T20I series here. So, to win both 2-1 is a real positive result.

"There were some good performances and some good tight games. It was tough for the bowlers, as it is always in India, but the boys can be very happy."

Dravid was particularly pleased with the batting time Rishabh Pant (27, 14b, 3x4, 2x6) and Dinesh Karthik 46 (21b, 4x4, 4x6) got in the final match.

"It is tough on guys like Dinesh and Rishabh, coming at No. 6 and having to bat just 5-10 balls. So, it's always nice to get a few under your belt. They were batting really well at one point. Had they played longer we might have got closer," said Dravid.

In the end, the difference between the sides was Rilee Rossouw, who smashed his maiden T20I ton after being dismissed for ducks in the opening two matches.

"It's just about backing yourself and having the confidence in your ability," said the 32-year-old after his man-of-the-match performance. "I really believe in my ability. I have shown it throughout the world. It is never a confidence issue for me, it is just form."

## India-South Africa T20I series in numbers

| BATTING | M | Runs | HS | SR | 100s/50s |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| de Kock | 3 | 138 | 69* | 145.26 | 0/2 |
| Miller | 3 | 125 | 106* | 235.84 | 1/0 |
| Suryakumar | 3 | 119 | 61 | 195.08 | 0/2 |
| Rahul | 2 | 108 | 57 | 128.57 | 0/2 |
| Rossouw | 3 | 100 | 100* | 196.07 | 1/0 |

| BOWLING | M | Wkts. | BBI | Avg. | Econ. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Arshdeep | 2 | 5 | 3/32 | 18.80 | 11.75 |
| Maharaj | 3 | 4 | 2/23 | 19.50 | 7.09 |
| Pretorius | 1 | 3 | 3/26 | 8.66 | 7.42 |
| Chahar | 3 | 3 | 2/24 | 32.00 | 8.00 |

## INBRIEF

### Jonny Bairstow reveals the extent of freak injury

England batsman Jonny Bairstow has revealed the extent of the freak injury that prevents him from playing at the T20 World Cup this month. Bairstow broke his left leg and dislocated his left ankle while playing golf a month ago north of Leeds, just hours after being named in England's squad for the World Cup in Australia and one of the team's opening bats. He slipped and overcompensated trying to regain balance. He's revealed letting out uncontrollable screams. "The actual injury was as such ... a broken fibula in 3 places which required a plate, I dislocated my ankle which in turn meant I did my syndesmosis joint and lateral ligament along with a couple more bits," he wrote on Monday on *Instagram*. "All in all I have done a proper job on it!" He had successful surgery more than a week later, and won't play again until next year.

### India blanks Maldives in AFC U-17 Asian Cup Qualifiers

India kicked off its AFC U-17 Asian Cup 2023 Qualifiers in style, thrashing Maldives 5-0 here on Tuesday. Captain Vanlalpeka Guite, Lalhmingchhuanga Fanai, Aman, Boby Singh and Phoenix Oinam scored a goal each to make it a five-star performance for India.

# Spreading the sport of fencing in India — the Mohit & Singh way

The former, who was obese as a child, turned to weightlifting to get fitter before becoming a passionate fencer; the latter, a karate black belt, switched to the sport when it was introduced in the late 90s

**Y.B. Sarangi**
GANDHINAGAR

**Bright future:** Mohit and Singh feel that the Indian fencers can make a mark on the world stage.
V.V. KRISHNAN

Weightlifting and karate's loss is fencing's gain!

Mohit Ashwini and K.P. Singh might have taken to fencing by chance, but they have proved themselves first as players and then as coaches to contribute in spreading the Olympic sport in the country.

Mohit, who was an obese child with a body weight of 105kg and a pair of knocking knees, got into weightlifting to become fitter. He enrolled himself in fencing reluctantly in the early 1990s, but went on to secure medals at the National championships and the National Games. Later, he attended some coaching courses and played a crucial role in training several fencing coaches.

The 48-year-old now pursues fencing passionately.

"In 40 minutes of fencing, one burns more calories than one can do so in a football match of one-and-a-half hours. Wearing the suit and jacket and moving constantly drains an athlete. And, it is a popular Olympic discipline offering 36 medals," Mohit, a coach in-charge of academics at NIS Patiala, highlighted fencing's plus points during an interaction with *The Hindu* on the sidelines of the National Games here.

Singh, a black belt karateka who worked in the Army as a physical training instructor, switched to fencing when it was introduced by the Army in the late 1990s. He spent some time as a fencer before switching to coaching.

**All about fitness**

According to Singh, who is a coach at the National Centre of Excellence (NCoE) in NIS Patiala, fencing is all about fitness.

"Fitness is the primary requirement. If one is fit, one can compete in his 40s. You need good reflexes, speed and endurance to succeed. Even a coach needs to be in good shape to spar with an athlete by putting on a leather jacket," said Singh, who is in his early 50s.

He is hopeful of a brighter future for the Indian fencers in the coming years.

"We began a little late, but now the federation and the Sports Authority of India (SAI) are working to develop the standard. Infrastructure and dress are expensive affairs. But there are some NCoEs, where there are infrastructures, across the country. Fencers are getting good international exposure too. We have got medals at the Commonwealth championships and Asian junior championships. Slowly, we are improving."

Mohit feels Indians have the natural ability to do well in the sport. "Historically, our warriors have wielded swords and fought with them.

"Of late, the interest for fencing among youngsters is growing. We are doing well internationally — we are in the top 16 in the World championships and among the top-32 in the Olympics. "I am sure our fencers will give good results in top international level competitions in the coming years," said Mohit.

### India names 21-member squad for FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup

**Press Trust of India**
BHUBANESWAR

Head coach Thomas Dennerby named a 21-member Indian squad on Wednesday for the FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup, scheduled to begin here on October 11.

India has been drawn in Group A alongside USA, Morocco and Brazil. It will face USA on Oct. 11, followed by matches against Morocco and Brazil on Oct. 14 and respectively at the Kalinga Stadium.

"It's a new situation for everyone. India have never played the World Cup before. This is different ball game altogether," Dennerby said.

**The squad:**

**Goalkeepers:** Monalisha Devi Moirangthem, Melody Chanu Keisham, Anjali Munda.

**Defenders:** Astam Oraon, Kajal, Naketa, Purnima Kumari, Varshika, Shilky Devi Hemam.

**Midfielders:** Babina Devi Lisham, Nitu Linda, Shailja, Shubhangi Singh.

**Forwards:** Anita Kumari, Lynda Kom Serto, Neha, Rejiya Devi Laishram, Shelia Devi Loktongbam, Kajol Hubert Dsouza, Lavanya Upadhyay, Sudha Ankita Tirkey.

# *Sky may not be the limit as India's finest T20 batter evolves*

**BETWEEN THE WICKETS**
**Suresh Menon**

As realisation dawned that T20 was not merely a shorter form of one-day cricket, the format began throwing up its own specialists. Batters started with two advantages, shorter boundaries and superior bats. To this was added a third, a technical adjustment whereby the front foot was removed from the line of the ball to swing the bat freely.

A fourth, imagination, saw the birth of the 360-degree man, A.B. de Villiers. Chris Gayle, probably the first major batter, succeeded by speeding up his one-day game rather than inventing new strokes.

Virat Kohli, who averages over 50 in T20 internationals, saw no reason to jettison the game that had served him so well in both Tests and ODI. He rarely played an invented shot, convinced the traditional approach was good enough.

And then came Suryakumar Yadav.

Nicknamed 'Sky' owing to his initials, he looks set to be India's first great specialist T20 batter, someone building on the grammar of the format itself to compose its own unique poetry.

He hit his first ball in international cricket for six, off fast bowler Joffra Archer. When he made 117 in 55 balls at Trent Bridge (next highest score: 28), fast bowler Reece Topley (player of the match as England won) said, "He played some shots I hadn't seen before."

Suryakumar moved aside to meet a full toss on the leg-stump from Chris Jordan, the other fast bowler, and hit him for a six over point.

In Guwahati against South Africa last week, he moved in the other direction, and flicked Kagiso Rabada towards the sight screen behind him for a six. That shot didn't exist till he played it. Is Suryakumar already India's greatest T20 batter? One who came through white ball cricket and didn't merely take a detour from Test cricket? One determined to expand the limits of the possible?

These are early days. Suryakumar has played just 33 matches (strike rate of 177). He is 32, and the footwork that is the basis of his game will have to work unfailingly with his eye and wrist to build one of the foundations of greatness — consistency.

That averages don't matter in T20 has been accepted for sometime now. Strike rates are more important, and Suryakumar's is the best in the format. T20 batters with modern bats do not worry about where the fielders are; they aim for the stands, and Suryakumar's six-hitting average is impressive. The powerful Andre Russell, who has hit the same number in T20 internationals, 62, as Suryakumar, has played twice the number of matches.

The Indian is more than a 360-player. He belongs to the next generation. Given his propensity for six-hitting, we need to bring in the third dimension too. He is a three-dimensional batter, covering the two dimensions on the ground as well as the third, height, above it.

The ease with which he flicks fast bowlers high into the stands suggests he has both a natural sense of timing and a healthy disregard for obvious angles on the field. He can hit between fielders with depressing (for the bowler) regularity. He will not settle for a boundary when a six is possible.

That is the mindset of the T20 batter. It won't be long before coaches decide that for a batter getting his eye in on the field of play is a waste of deliveries and work out a system of getting in-coming batsmen strike-ready before he enters the field.

In Guwahati, South Africa came within 16 runs of matching India's 237. One important difference between the sides was that India didn't score off 40 deliveries (nearly seven overs) while South Africa missed out on fewer, 31. Rohit Sharma made 43 at a strike rate of 116, while South Africa's slowest (apart from the batsmen dismissed for zero) was Quinton de Kock's 144. T20 matches are decided on such slim margins, although in this instance, India had enough batsmen who scored at 200 and more to make the difference. The format calls for a different way of calculating ideal batting (bowlers have a different set of calculations too).

It is possible that with India missing Jasprit Bumrah at the World Cup later this month, strengthening the batting rather than playing another bowler might be a solution. Five batters with a strike rate of 200 each might do the trick. The format is evolving, and the importance of a striker like Suryakumar (and the pressure on him) cannot be overstated.

The top three, Rohit Sharma, K.L. Rahul and Kohli have strike rates around 140. But it is Suryakumar at No. 4 who looks set to carry the format forward. He is innovative, self-assured, imaginative. The World Cup might anoint him as the finest-ever.

# The Sovereign Orb expected to score in the Mysore Dasara Sprint Championship

MYSURU: The Sovereign Orb, who has been well tuned, is expected to score in the Mysore Dasara Sprint Championship – 2022 (1,200m), the feature event of the races to be held here on Thursday (Oct 6).

False rails (width about 2.5m from 1,600m to the winning post) will be in position.

**1 CHIRAPUNJI PLATE** (1,400m), rated 20 to 45, 5-y-o & over, 1.30 p.m.: 1. Dean's Gal (1) L.A. Rozario 62.5, 2. The Response (5) Hasib A 62, 3. Swiss Tigress (7) Sarvan K 61.5, 4. Cherokee Moon (4) Vijay K 61, 5. Dr Logan (2) B.L. Paswan 60, 6. Capital Gain (8) J.H. Arul 59, 7. Bramastram (6) Antony 58, 8. Moving Ahead (10) Nazerul 57, 9. Surprise Package (3) Angad 53 and 10. Gold Charm (9) H. Zeeshah 52.5.

**1. CAPITAL GAIN, 2. THE RESPONSE, 3. MOVING AHEAD**

**2 ONE LIFE TO LOVE PLATE** (1,200m), rated 40 to 65, 4-y-o & over, 2.00: 1. Good Earth (12) G. Rohith 60, 2. Mutant (6) Srinath 60, 3. Wencheng (8) Antony 60, 4. Minx (4) Sarvan K 59, 5. Blue Blossom (3) Ayaz Khan 58.5, 6. Aquila D'oro (1) Santosh K 58, 7. Lord Commander (7) Nazerul 58, 8. Amazonia (2) Suraj 57, 9. Beat The Odds (5) R. Shiva K 54.5, 10. Kingofthejungle (10) Kiran Rai 54.5, 11. Jabbar (13) Shreyas S 54, 12. Ochre (9) H. Zeeshah 52 and 13. The Strength (11) Sai Kiran 51.5.

**1. AMAZONIA, 2. WENCHENG, 3. THE STRENGTH**

**3 URS KAR TROPHY** (Div. II), (1,400m), maiden 3-y-o only, (Terms), 2.30: 1. Bruce Almighty (10) Rayan 56, 2. Inexhaustible (7) Kiran Rai 56, 3. Odin (1) Hindu S 56, 4. Raffles (8) J.H. Arul 56, 5. Scarlet Ibis (6) Nazerul 56, 6. Stamford Bridge (9) Trevor 56, 7. The Republic Power (3) H. Rathod 56, 8. Gold Multiplier (2) R. Ajinkya 54.5, 9. Kesari Queen (4) Sai Kiran 54.5 and 10. Melanie (5) Antony 54.5.

**1. STAMFORD BRIDGE, 2. GOLD MULTIPLIER, 3. BRUCE ALMIGHTY**

**4 W.T. CRAIG-JONES MEMORIAL TROPHY** (1,600m), rated 20 to 45, 3.00: 1. Flying Falcon (8) Hasib A 60, 2. Forest View (9) L.A. Rozario 60, 3. Angel Bliss (10) Antony 57.5, 4. Colossal (12) Sarvan K 57, 5. Vijaya Sarathi (5) Kiran Rai 56.5, 6. Mystic Mountain (4) Srinath 56, 7. Triple Alliance (6) Salman K 56, 8. Tycoonist (7) Hindu S 56, 9. Coorg General (3) J. Paswan 55, 10. Eco Friendly (2) Sai Kiran 54, 11. Thunderstruck (1) Nazerul 53.5 and 12. Herodotus (11) Angad 53.

**1. ANGEL BLISS, 2. TRIPLE ALLIANCE, 3. TYCOONIST**

**5 URS KAR TROPHY** (Div. I), (1,400m), maiden 3-y-o only, (Terms), 3.30: 1. Contador (5) Antony 56, 2. English Bay (4) Tousif Khan 56, 3. O Kanhaiya (9) Srinath 56, 4. Serdar (1) Trevor 56, 5. The Grey Geranium (3) H. Rathod 56, 6. Twilight Tornado (8) J.H. Arul 56, 7. Eridani (2) Hindu S 54.5, 8. Sheer Bliss (6) Suraj 54.5 and 9. Udukai (7) Sai Kiran 54.5.

**1. SHEER BLISS, 2. ERIDANI, 3. TWILIGHT TORNADO**

**6 MYSORE DASARA SPRINT CHAMPIONSHIP – 2022** (1,200m), 3-y-o & over, (Terms), 4.00: 1. Ascoval (3) Trevor 60, 2. Dandi Satyagraha (2) Hindu S 60, 3. Endeavour (4) Antony 60, 4. Golden Guest (5) R. Ajinkya 60, 5. The Sovereign Orb (6) Srinath 60 and 6. Star Glory (1) Suraj 55.5.

**1. THE SOVEREIGN ORB, 2. STAR GLORY**

**7 FLEET INDIAN PLATE** (2,000m), rated 60 to 85, 4.30: 1. Square The Circle (3) S. John 60, 2. Trust Bond (6) Srinath 60, 3. Crescendo (4) Hasib A 54.5, 4. Notoriety (1) Angad 54.5, 5. Kensington (2) Antony 54 and 6. Silvarius (5) Hindu S 53.5.

**1. KENSINGTON, 2. SILVARIUS**

**8 AUTUMN BLUE PLATE** (1,400m), rated 40 to 65, 5.00: 1. Namiki (6) Gautam Raj 60.5, 2. Achook (1) Hindu S 58, 3. Tenali (12) Kiran Rai 56.5, 4. Aurelia (4) Vijay K 56, 5. D Thirteen Twelve (7) Mukesh K 55.5, 6. Sir Calculus (2) Hasib A 55.5, 7. Aurele (11) H. Zeeshah 55, 8. Everly (5) S. Shareef 54.5, 9. Heroism (9) H. Rahul 54.5, 10. N R I Plan (14) Afsar Khan 53.5, 11. Wind Whistler (10) Angad 53.5, 12. Circus Queen (8) Antony 53, 13. Johnny Bravo (13) Nazerul 51.5 and 14. Braxton (3) Sai Kiran 50.5.

**1. ACHOOK, 2. JOHNNY BRAVO, 3. BRAXTON**

Day's best: **KENSINGTON**

Double: **AMAZONIA - ANGEL BLISS**

Jkt: 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8; Tr (i): 1, 2 and 3; (ii): 3, 4 and 5; (iii): 6, 7 and 8.

## BENGALURU ROUND-UP

### Kaviya's hat-trick helps Kickstart beat Misaka United

Kaviya Pakkirisamy scored a hat-trick as Kickstart FC beat Misaka United 6-1 in the Karnataka Women's League football here on Wednesday.

**The results:** Kickstart 6 (Tania Kanti 1, Sibani Sharma 3, Kaviya Pakkirisamy 24, 24, 51, Sabara Khatun 80) bt Misaka United 1 (Tavvie Hans 50).

### FC Bengaluru United takes ADE FC to the cleaners

FC Bengaluru United thrashed ADE FC 11-0 in the BDFA Super Division League football here on Wednesday.

Sporting Club too had it easy against Bangalore Eagles with a 5-0 result.

**The results:** Sporting Club Bengaluru 5 (Shanid Valan 2, Arun Kumar 15, Rajendra Singh 28-og, Allen Comper Lyngdoh 65, V. Vignesh 88) bt Bangalore Eagles 0.

FC Bengaluru United 11 (Maheshkumar-og 11, Lalranzauva Khiangte 16, Shajan Franklin 17, Irfan Yadwad 35, 56, Karthik Naresh-og 38, Bedashwor Singh Laishram 39, 65, Aenam Graffenberg Jurwa 60, 81, Chesterpoul Lyngdoh 73) bt ADE FC 0.

### Cricket trials to pick teams for women's under-15 selection matches

Open trials to pick three / four teams to participate in the under-15 women selection matches during the third / fourth week of October will be held on October 9 (Sunday) at the KSCA-B ground from 9 a.m. onwards.

Those born on or after September 1, 2007, but on or before August 31, 2009, are eligible.

### Stimac signs contract extension till AFC Asian Cup 2023

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Indian men's football team head coach Igor Stimac on Tuesday signed an extension of his contract till the end of next year's AFC Asian Cup.

"I am extremely happy that the AIFF has placed the trust in the process that we have put in," said Stimac.

"We have had a very good run in the qualifiers, and we want to make sure that we keep building ourselves up till the Asian Cup and give a good account of ourselves in the continental stage."

# Playing with Kobe will always be very, very special, says four-time NBA champion O'Neal

**BASKETBALL**

**Ashwin Achal**
ABU DHABI

**A legend's opinion:** Trae Young is a good shooter, according to O'Neal. AFP

Four-time NBA champion Shaquille O'Neal named the late Kobe Bryant as his favourite playing partner. O'Neal and Bryant were once a formidable attacking duo for the Los Angeles Lakers, thriving under the stewardship of renowned coach Phil Jackson.

"Kobe was my favourite partner. We had great times together. We spent eight years together and won three titles in a row. I also spent three years with Dwyane Wade, one year with LeBron James, and four with Penny Hardaway. Penny would be my second favourite partnership, but playing with Kobe will always be very, very special to me," said O'Neal at a NBA District event here on Wednesday.

O'Neal, one of the greatest centres of all time, named Golden State Warriors star Stephen Curry as his favourite current player. "Steph Curry is my favourite. There are great shooters, and there are phenomenal shooters. There will never be anyone who can shoot like him. Trae Young, Damian Lillard are good shooters, but Steph is special," O'Neal said.

The 50-year-old spoke about the NBA Abu Dhabi Games 2022, which features two pre-season games between the Atlanta Hawks and Milwaukee Bucks. The games will be held at the Etihad Arena here on Thursday and Saturday.

**Exciting pre-season**

"Because of the great players we have in the NBA, the game is expanding. These pre-season games here are going to be very exciting," O'Neal said.

The biggest applause from the big, excited crowd came when O'Neal gave his answer to a question on the greatest basketball player of all time. "Michael Jordan," O'Neal said emphatically, to wild cheers.

*(The author is in Abu Dhabi on invitation from NBA India)*